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The Tell-Tale Shamble

A Bank of America branch in Portland, Ore., told police a "group of zombies" was causing a disturbance in the lobby. As officers arrived Monday, the zombies were staggering off, leaving a red substance and piece of paper stuck to glass. A bank employee identified the zombie responsible, who was jailed on disorderly conduct and criminal mischief charges. (AP)

SEE ABOVE

It Said 'Brrrrraaaaaiiiiiinnns'

Police are searching for a would-be bank robber whose attempt failed because a teller couldn't read his handwriting. The man showed up this week at Main Street Bank in Wheeling, W.Va. Police say the teller couldn't make sense of his note and asked whether it was a joke. Police Chief Robert Matheny says when the teller handed the note back, the man got frustrated and left. (AP)

SEE ABOVE

This Item's Not Lending Itself to Zombie Jokes, Alas

Atlanta-area authorities say a teenage burglary suspect was pulled from a chimney by firefighters after being stuck there for more than 10 hours on Tuesday. Police say the 17-year-old boy was taken into custody after being freed from the chimney at about 1:30 p.m. He was charged with burglary and giving false information to a police officer. Firefighters freed him by lowering a rope from the top of the chimney. (AP)

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BIG NEWS IN BRIEFS: Participants pose with their certificate after breaking a world record for the greatest number of people—57!—to fit in a pair of underpants, in London on Thursday. The briefs pictured above measured about 15 feet by 5 feet. Thursday was Guinness World Records Day. (AP)

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Charges in White House Shooting

Idaho man accused of attempting to assassinate Obama

Boise, Idaho

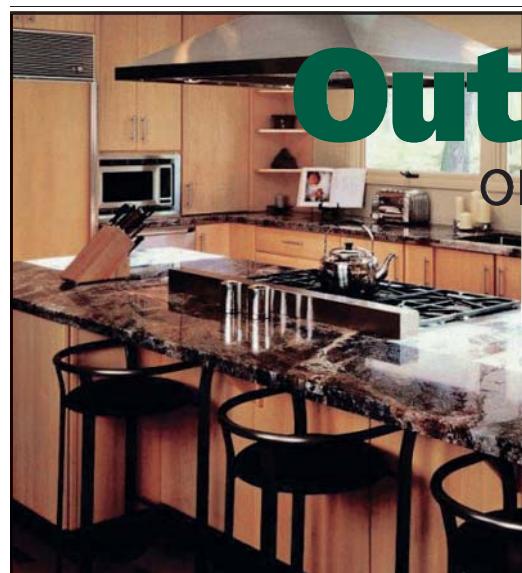
An Idaho man accused of firing an assault rifle at the White House believed he was Jesus and thought President Obama was the anti-Christ. He had become increasingly agitated with the federal government, and at one point suggested the president was planning to implant computer tracking chips in children, according to court documents and those who knew him.

Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez, 21, was charged Thursday with attempting to assassinate the president or his staff. He is accused of firing nine rounds at the White House last Friday night — one of them cracking a window of the first family's living quarters — when Obama and the first lady were away. If convicted, Ortega faces up to life in prison.

Ortega was arrested Wednesday at a western Pennsylvania hotel when a desk clerk there recognized



Young at Heart: Americans are more likely than ever to reach age 90, redefining in a way what it means to be old. People who are 90 or older have nearly tripled in number since 1980, to 1.9 million, according to Thursday's first-ever census numbers on the age group. Joined by graying baby boomers, the oldest old are projected to increase to 8.7 million by mid-century — or one in 10 older Americans. More than a century ago, fewer than 100,000 people reached 90. (AP)



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In Brief

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Penn State Police: Abuse Was Not Reported to Us



McQueary

Penn State university police said a continuing search on Thursday turned up no record to support former graduate assistant Mike McQueary's claim he reported a sexual assault by Sandusky on a 10-year-old boy in a campus shower. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Secret Service to Protect Presidential Hopeful Cain

The U.S. Secret Service says Herman Cain is becoming the first Republican presidential contender to receive its protection. The Georgia businessman requested the detail. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and congressional leaders agreed Thursday to provide the protection to Cain's campaign. (AP)

WASHINGTON

House Approves Bill Averting Shutdown

A weekend government shutdown that neither party wants would be averted under a compromise spending bill the House approved Thursday. The Senate debated the measure and seemed ready to pass it and send the measure to President Obama later in the evening. (AP)

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Nation

Occupy Protesters Mark Month 2

New York

Occupy Wall Street protesters clogged streets and tied up traffic across the U.S. on Thursday to mark two months since the movement's birth and signal they aren't ready to quit, despite the breakup of many of their encampments by police. More than 200 people were arrested, most of them in New York.

The marches were for the most part peaceful, with only scattered clashes between police and demonstrators. Most of the arrests were for blocking streets, the traffic disruptions were brief, and the turnout — at least in New York — fell well short of what police had been expecting.

Chanting, "All day, all week, shut down Wall Street," more than 1,000 demonstrators gathered near the New York Stock Exchange and sat down in several intersections. Helmeted police broke up some of the gatherings, and operations at the stock market were not disrupted.

The street demonstration came



A man who identifies himself as Brendan Watts squints while police surround him after Occupy Wall Street protesters and police clashed Thursday in New York.

two days after police cleared 200 people from New York's Zuccotti Park, shutting down the encampment that served as the headquarters of the Occupy movement.

"This is a critical moment for the movement, given what happened the other night," said Paul Knick, a software engineer from Montclair, N.J.,

as he marched through the financial district. "It seems like there's a concerted effort to stop the movement, and I'm here to make sure that doesn't happen."

Demonstrations were also planned or under way in such cities as Washington, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo. KAREN MATTHEWS (AP)

Hearsay



"I want to be clear: Over the course of Solyndra's loan guarantee, I did not make any decision based on political considerations."

— ENERGY SECRETARY STEVEN CHU, STRESSING DURING A HEARING THURSDAY THAT NO ONE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE CONTACTED HIM TO MAKE A POLITICAL DECISION ON A \$528 MILLION FEDERAL LOAN TO SOLYNDRA INC., THE CALIFORNIA SOLAR COMPANY THAT LATER WENT BANKRUPT.

42.5M

The number of U.S. travelers expected to hit the road to visit family and friends on Thanksgiving, according to AAA — the highest number of holiday trekkers since the start of the recession. AAA said Thanksgiving airfares are 20 percent higher this year than last year, with an average lowest round-trip rate of \$212 for the top 40 U.S. air routes. (AP)

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Protesters in Naples, Italy, carry a coffin meant to represent Italy's \$2.6 trillion debt during demonstrations Thursday against Italy's new plan to tackle its financial woes.



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In Brief

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's U.S. Envoy Offers Resignation

Pakistan said Thursday that it has not decided whether to accept a resignation offer from its ambassador to the U.S. over a reported attempt to enlist Washington's help to rein in the country's military after the May raid that killed Osama bin Laden. Islamabad recalled Husain Haqqani to question him about any role he may have played in the controversy, said a Pakistani spokesman. (AP)

LISBON, PORTUGAL

No Extradition to U.S. For 41-Year Fugitive

A Portuguese court on Thursday denied a U.S. request for the extradition of American fugitive George Wright, who spent 41 years on the run in a journey that took him across three continents. The U.S. wants Wright returned to finish his 15- to 30-year jail sentence for a 1962 killing in New Jersey. (AP)

LAGOS, NIGERIA

Nigeria Fines 2 Airlines \$235M Over Fare Hikes

Nigeria fined British Airways \$135 million and Virgin Atlantic Airways \$100 million over what it called unfair practices that raised fares, an official said Thursday. The official said the fines followed fuel surcharges on a route to London. (AP)

Anger Over PM's Plan Roils Italy

New coalition clears first confidence vote as protests reignite

Rome

Against the backdrop of anti-austerity protesters clashing with riot police, Italy's new premier appealed Thursday to Italians to accept sacrifices to save their country from bankruptcy but pledged economic growth and greater social cohesion in return.

Mario Monti is under enormous pressure to bring down the country's \$2.6 trillion in debt, not only to save Italy from its debt crisis but



Meanwhile ...

Masked youths clashed with police outside Greece's parliament and the U.S. Embassy Thursday as thousands of austerity-weary Greeks marched through Athens in an annual commemoration of a bloody student uprising in the 1970s. About 28,000 people took part in the march, police estimated. The clashes came a day after new Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, a 64-year-old former banker, easily won a confidence vote in parliament. (AP)

also to prevent a catastrophic disintegration of the euro.

Before parliament in his debut address, Monti pledged to reform the pension system, fight tax evasion, streamline civil court pro-

ceedings and get more women and youth into the workforce.

The 68-year-old economist and university president was interrupted 17 times by applause, and his day-old government won a con-

fidence vote, 281-25, Thursday in the Senate, ahead of a vote in the lower house Friday.

But outside, Rome's historic center was paralyzed by student protests. In Milan, police struggled to stop protesters trying to reach Bocconi University, over which Monti presides, signaling the depth of the resistance the new leader will have to confront.

Demonstrators in Palermo, the capital of Sicily, hurled smoke bombs at a bank and threw rocks at police, the Italian news agency ANSA reported, and officials in Turin reported police injuries as they held back protesters. COLLEEN BARRY AND FRANCES D'EMILIO (AP)

U.N. Nuclear Agency to Rebuke Iran, Officials Say

Washington

World powers meeting at the U.N. nuclear agency agreed on a draft resolution sharply criticizing Iran for its nuclear activities while stopping short of setting deadlines or recommending new sanctions, two Western diplomats familiar with the document said Thursday.

The resolution, which is expected to win formal approval by the nuclear watchdog's 35-nation governing board Friday, is a partial vic-

Backstory

The latest round of diplomatic tussling over Iran stems from a toughly worded report issued last week by the International Atomic Energy Agency that documented what U.N. officials described as strong evidence of secret Iranian research with the aim of designing a nuclear warhead. Tehran continues to maintain that its nuclear intentions are peaceful. (TWP)

tory for Western powers seeking to rebuke Iran for pursuing nuclear technology in defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

It had been eagerly awaited as a signal of how harshly Iran would be treated for ignoring demands that it stop activities that could be used to make nuclear arms.

But a lack of any recommendations for penalties was a concession to Russia and China, which oppose new sanctions against Iran, officials said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay

"Under certain conditions, local and regional conflicts may develop into a full-scale war involving nuclear weapons."

— GEN. NIKOLAI MAKAROV, RUSSIA'S TOP MILITARY OFFICER, WARNING THURSDAY THAT RUSSIA IS FACING A HEIGHTENED RISK OF BEING DRAWN INTO CONFLICTS AT ITS BORDERS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF TURNING NUCLEAR.

ECOLOGY

Leapt Out of Hiding

An Israeli frog thought extinct hopped back into sight this week, as the Hula painted frog was seen for the first time in 50 years, Omri Gal of Israel's Nature and Parks Authority said Thursday. The frog is native to the Hula Valley, a swamp drained in the 1950s to stop malaria. (AP)



World

Russia Voices Concern Over 'Civil War' in Syria

Beirut

As his Arab neighbors abandon him and his allies in Moscow warn of impending civil war, Syrian President Bashar Assad still has a strong bulwark to prevent his meeting the same fate as the leaders of Egypt, Tunisia or Libya anytime soon.

His advantages are the support of Russia and China, the likelihood that foreign militaries will stay away and fear among many Syrians about a future without Assad.

But the uprising is morphing into an armed conflict that will test Assad's allegiances.

"This is all looking very much like a civil war," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Thursday in Moscow, expressing alarm over an attack this week by a group of army defectors.

There was no sign that Russia's

Backstory

Until recently in Syria's unrest, most of the violence came as President Bashar Assad's forces fired on protests. But there have been reports of army defectors and civilians fighting back. Assad blames the unrest on a foreign plot against Syria, saying terrorists are driving the uprising. Nearly 4,000 people have been killed since March. (AP)

support for Damascus was wavering; indeed, Lavrov appeared to be condemning anti-regime forces for the escalating bloodshed.

Washington does not view the conflict as a "civil war," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. "Let's be very clear that the primary author of the violence in Syria is the Assad regime." (AP)

Egypt Quells Outburst of Sectarian Violence



KHALIL HANRA/AP

RIOT POLICE BLOCK A STREET IN CAIRO Thursday after skirmishes broke out at a march by about 400 Coptic Christians to mark the end of a 40-day mourning period after sectarian clashes that killed 27 people, mostly Christians. Attackers threw rocks and broken glass, injuring at least 10 people, witnesses said, in the latest outbreak of unrest in Egypt.

\$31K

The amount of money a charter plane crew asked hundreds of passengers to give for fuel during a stop in Vienna on Tuesday en route from India to Britain. Comtel Air sent people off the jet to cash machines to raise the money, passengers said. Bhupinder Kandra, the airline's majority shareholder, said Thursday that travel agents had taken the passengers' money before the plane left but had not passed it on to the airline. (AP)

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A study published this month in Environmental Health Perspectives projected that if we could get just

the people in the upper-Midwestern U.S. to bike rather than drive for half of their trips that are five miles or less, that would be worth \$7 billion in reduced health care costs and improved air quality.

Add walking, and you're looking at even more value. By my definition, that includes the hoofing it you do on either end of your transit trips. Last week, I'd forgotten I'd thrown a pedometer in my purse. When I fished it out, I was amazed to find that just carrying it to the train

between my apartment and my office (and back), I'd clocked about 5,000 steps — which is, depressingly, more than the national average of steps taken all day.

A couple miles isn't much, but multiply that by the millions of other riders getting a move on, and you wind up with massive sums.

So maybe that's why the figures quoted in recent transportation news stories haven't fazed me. Sure, it's slated to cost \$103 million to rebuild the Capital Crescent Trail to make way for the Purple Line, a \$1.93 billion

A couple miles isn't much, but multiply that by millions of other riders, and the result will be big.

project. The Silver Line out to Dulles has a current price tag of \$2.8 billion. And the proposal to add streetcars to Arlington and Fairfax estimates the initial costs to be in the neighborhood of \$160 million.

That's a lot of zeros. But when we look at those costs, we have to factor in the huge economic benefits that come from creating walkable neighborhoods, including more foot traffic for businesses and easier access to employment opportunities. There's also the not-so-insignificant issue of increased property values.

These projects are far from free, but when you crunch the numbers, they could wind up being a bargain. And the best part of all? They don't require waiting in line at Best Buy at midnight.

Tricky Tactics: Undercover detectives have been working for the past month using iPhones, other electronic devices and bikes as decoys on the transit system, according to Metro's chief spokesman, Dan Stessel. When someone has tried to steal the item, police have made an arrest. According to Stessel, "dozens of arrests" have been made. Metro officials said overall crime on the system is down but warned that they tend to see an increase in robberies around the holidays and riders should be aware of their surroundings. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Norton, Issa to Continue Work on D.C. Budget Bill

The District of Columbia's delegate to Congress says she'll continue to work



Norton

with Republican Rep. Darrell Issa on a bill that would give the District greater control over its municipal budget. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and other D.C. leaders rejected a bill Issa proposed this week that would allow D.C. to spend local tax dollars without congressional approval. (AP)

GREENBELT, MD.

Md. Man Pleads Guilty In Child Porn Ring Case

A Cumberland man is agreeing to serve 10 years in federal prison for running a child pornography bulletin board with about 140 members. U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein says George Sell, 70, pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiracy to transport child porn. Sell acknowledged he was the administrator of a secure website called Country Lounge that traded pornographic pictures and videos of children as young as 6. He ran it from December 2006 through August 2008. (AP)

BALTIMORE

Bicentennial Planned During Naval Fleet Week

Maryland tourism officials hope to draw more than 1 million people to the birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner" next summer as they open a multiyear bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 with a maritime festival. The June event along Baltimore's harbor during a Naval fleet week celebration will feature ships from navies around the world. (AP)

46%

The portion of D.C. residents with a criminal past who may be unemployed, according to a new report by the Council for Court Excellence. The national rate is 11 percent. (AP)

Metro to Limit Rail Worker Hours

Transit system to hire expert to train staff on fighting fatigue

Washington

Hoping to reduce fatigue among rail employees who work in safety-critical jobs, Metro plans to impose a 14-hour cap on the number of hours that automated train control operators, power employees and heavy equipment operators can work by the end of 2012.

It is just one of the many recommendations offered Thursday by management during a Metro board safety and securi-

ty committee meeting to address what one member described as a "serious dilemma" for the transit authority.

General Manager Richard Sarles said Metro will also require all supervisors to attend mandatory fatigue awareness training and hire an expert who would examine how to identify and prevent worker fatigue.

Sarles described the issue as complex and said the expert would look into all aspects of what causes worker fatigue.

The proposals will cost an estimated \$11 million and will be added to the overall budget package submitted to the board next



ing staff members.

The recommendations follow a five-month study of how the transit authority manages fatigue among its workers. The Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC), which monitors safety at the agency, partnered with Metro to conduct the study.

The agreement requires that employees be given no less than eight hours off between shifts, according to the study. Metro departments generally have a daily 16-hour cap on total hours worked, even though Metro records showed "shifts worked in excess of the 16-hour rule in every department evaluated," the study said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Occupy Movements Join Forces



RICKY CARIO/TWP

PROTESTERS LINE UP ON KEY BRIDGE Thursday afternoon as people from the Occupy D.C. and Occupy Northern Virginia groups come together. From D.C., demonstrators marched up K Street prior to getting to the bridge, where they found a heavy police presence from D.C. and Arlington, and the U.S. Coast Guard patrolled the waters of the Potomac under the bridge.



Pull the Plug: Yes, Virginia, there is a Grinch. But this year it's not a green-skinned grouch who's stealing Christmas in the commonwealth. It's Steven Spielberg. The director is filming "Lincoln" at the governor's mansion and Capitol Square in Richmond, and that means the annual Capitol tree lighting has been called off. Gov. Robert F. McDonnell's office announced the cancellation Thursday. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

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Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	5-7-6-4-1
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	3-28-33-36-39 (4)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	4-4-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-8-4
Mid-day Pick 4	8-8-8-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-8-6-2
Match 5 (Wed.)	9-23-32-33-37 (5)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	3-10-14-15-17-43

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	5-3-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-4-4
Mid-day Pick 4	8-9-2-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-0-2-0
Mid-day Cash 5	8-9-10-11-27
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Cover Story

Child's Play?

As apps for kids multiply, so do questions about long-term effects

Washington

How young is too young to use a smartphone? In a growing number of American families, infants and toddlers are deftly swiping and tapping away even as they wobble toward their first steps.

The swift adoption of tablets and smartphones has sparked an unprecedented explosion of software games, videos and programs aimed at the youngest minds, dramatically increasing the amount of time children spend in front of electronic media. Experts estimate tens of thousands of kid apps are offered on Apple and Google Android devices, including BabyPlayFace and Elmo's Birthday.

That worries some educators and child development experts who view the flood of baby and toddler apps with trepidation. They warn that children are already spending too much time in front of TVs, DVD players and computers as it is.

For kids 2 years old and younger, all those screens can have a negative effect on development, according to a recent statement by the American Academy of Pediatrics. If you really want to help boost brain power, the best solutions can be found with unstructured play, the AAP said.

"Kids need laps, not apps," said



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A Wide Array



Nearly every category of learning is covered in Apple's and Google's app stores. Get your toddler to trace letters with her finger on one of dozens of apps aimed at budding writers.

Baby Sign Language teaches infants the signs for cow, foods and other objects. Math Ninja offers drills on multiplication and division. Want to read "Humpty Dumpty" to your newborn? The Nursery Rhyme app will do that for you. BabyPlayFace has been featured in Apple's iTunes store, with 250,000 downloads. It teaches infants first words in different languages through animated baby faces. (TWP)

Frederick Zimmerman, an expert on media and child health and the chair of the Department of Health Services for the University of California, Los Angeles.

Parental Tool

Some parents say they rely on the devices to prevent their children from melting down in a restaurant or a line at the grocery store. According to Common Sense, an advocacy group for the safe use of media for children, one in five parents use smartphones or tablets to distract their kids while running errands.

For Paula Mansour of Falls Church, allowing Maggie, 2, to play a few rounds of Angry Birds as she prepares dinner helps her keep the household running smoothly.

She monitors Maggie's smartphone time and that of her 6-year-old, Kayla, and doesn't see a problem with short sessions on her Samsung Galaxy a few times a day.

"She's learning and having

"You can't replace the human imagination. There's no app for that."

— HOWARD GARDNER, A PROFESSOR OF COGNITION AND EDUCATION AT THE HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

fun," Mansour said. "I don't see any harm in that."

A Smart Choice?

There's been no definitive study that shows whether apps on mobile devices are harmful for youths. And while lawmakers and regulators have been seeking to strengthen federal rules that protect the privacy of children online, few have examined the rapid growth of mobile content that is getting in front of very young eyes.

While some educators are dubious of the educational promises espoused by app developers, not every child development expert is skeptical of mobile devices. Some note that smartphones and tablets

Popular Media

More than one-quarter of all U.S. parents have downloaded an app specifically geared toward their children, according to a survey released earlier this month by Common Sense Media, a group that advocates for the safe use of media. Children 8 years and younger spend about two and a half hours a day in front of a TV, computer or mobile device; they spend about 30 minutes with books, according to the survey. That's almost one hour more than the daily screen time for young children in 2005, the group said. (TWP)

offer children a far more interactive experience than parking them in front of the television.

"The wrong way to think about this is whether to turn it off or turn it on but about taking responsibility for what content gets in front of our children," said Liz Perle, co-founder of Common Sense Media.

Sherri Richardson Burgan of Portage, Pa., is convinced her iPad is making her toddler smarter.

Colton, 2, won't sit still to draw with crayons and wriggles out of his mom's lap during story time. But on the tablet, Colton points to shapes, letters and colors, and identifies them.

"A circle! I did it!" he cheers. CECILIA KANG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Georgetown is wasting no time giving its young players experience | **12**



TV Lineup



David Beckham and the L.A. Galaxy play Houston for the MLS Cup Sunday.

Friday

3 P.M. The third round of the Presidents Cup tees off in Melbourne, Australia. TGC

8 P.M. No. 2 Oklahoma State aims to stay undefeated when facing Iowa State. ESPN

10:30 P.M. WBC middleweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. defends his title versus Peter Manfredo Jr. HBO

Saturday

7:30 A.M. Norwich City hosts Arsenal in a Premier League game. ESPN2
NOON No. 17 Nebraska visits No. 20 Michigan in a Big 10 college football game. ESPN

3 P.M. Maryland's football team hopes to upset Wake Forest. CSN

3:30 P.M. The Penn State-Ohio State game is more noteworthy for who is not coaching in the game. ABC

7 P.M. The Capitals stay in Canada to face the Toronto Maple Leafs. CSN

Sunday

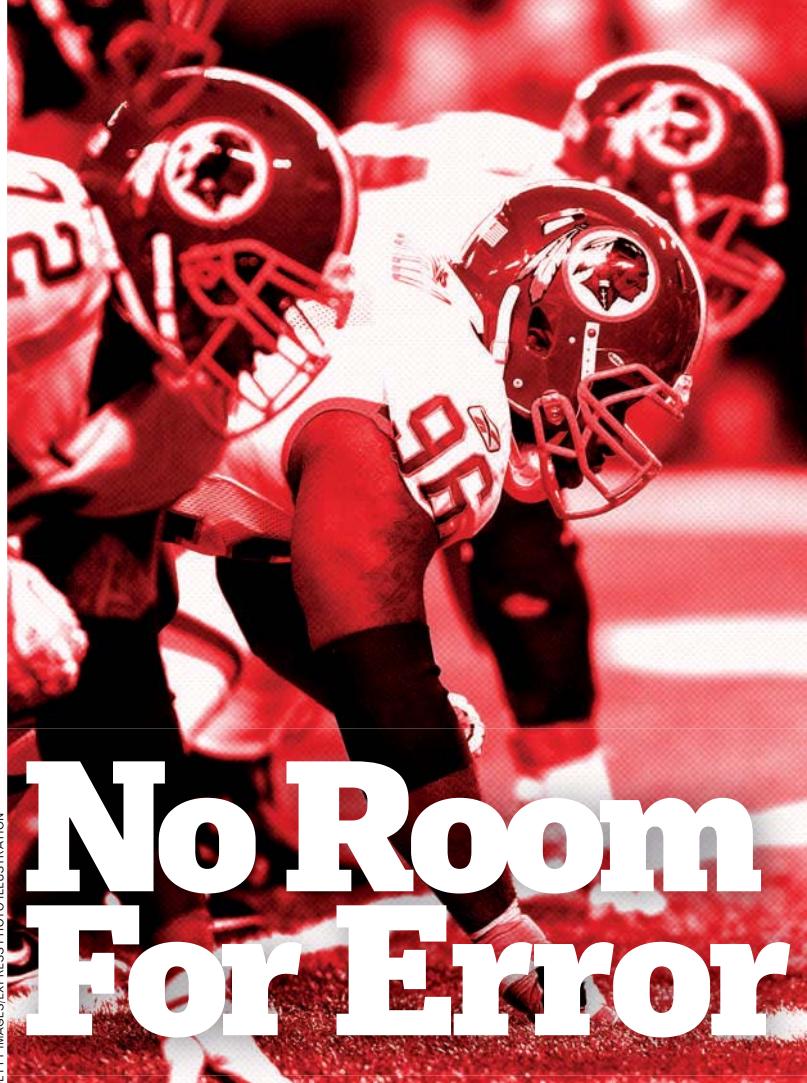
NOON The final round of the Presidents Cup. NBC

1 P.M. The Redskins play the Cowboys. Fox

3 P.M. Carl Edwards and Tony Stewart compete for the Sprint Cup title in the season finale in Homestead, Fla. ESPN

8:20 P.M. The Eagles visit the Giants in an NFC East battle. NBC

9 P.M. The L.A. Galaxy faces the Houston Dynamo in the MLS Cup. ESPN



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Redskins' defense must be nearly perfect to beat the archrival Cowboys

The Redskins

In the first quarter of the Redskins' game against the Miami Dolphins last Sunday, Washington safety Kevin Barnes intercepted a Matt Moore pass and returned it to the 5-yard line — a nicely wrapped present the Redskins' offense surely would open for a touchdown, right?

Wrong. Washington went backward on the ensuing drive, which culminated in a far-too-familiar sight — a Gra-

ham Gano field goal — in its eventual 20-9 loss.

If the Redskins can't cash in when given a 95-yard head start, how else can they score?

"I guess we have to take it to the end zone then," defensive end Adam Carriker said.

Perfection is the new mindset of the Redskins' defense, which is ranked a respectable 12th in the NFL in total yards and eighth in points allowed but has been put into an untenable situation by the team's No. 28 scoring offense.

"Creating turnovers and making



1 P.M.

Sunday | FOX



3 Things To Watch



1 Lip service: Trying to figure out what Mike Shanahan wants to do from week to week is impossible, so expect more lineup shuffles and curveballs from the head coach, especially on offense.



2 DeMan in Dallas: RB DeMarco Murray has exploded onto the scene for the Cowboys, and the speedy back will be a handful for a Redskins defense that has struggled to stop the run at times.

3 Last hope? If anything can lift the Redskins out of their current funk, it's another battle with their archrival. If they don't show some fight here, the rest of the season could get uglier. E.S.

"Creating turnovers and making big plays — that's what we're going to have to do for our offense to get going."

— REDSKINS LB BRIAN ORAKPO, ON WHAT WASHINGTON'S DEFENSE NEEDS TO DO TO HELP OUT THE TEAM'S ANEMIC OFFENSE. THE REDSKINS PLAY DALLAS ON SUNDAY.

big plays — that's what we're going to have to do for our offense to get going," linebacker Brian Orakpo said.

The Redskins' defense has had its ups and downs over the past three games. Asking the unit to hold strong while the offense has scored just 20 points is a challenge, yet one the players seem willing to accept.

"We've been frustrated because we haven't played to our standard," linebacker Ryan Kerrigan said. "We can't allow the big plays, because those really add up."

Right now it seems like the Redskins can't allow any plays. And while everyone involved is saying the right things, the instability on offense and continued pressure on defense is sure to create a fissure between the units.

"We are pretty much two separate entities," nose tackle Barry Cofield said. "The better one of us plays, it can help the other side of the ball, but realistically, we have to do our job, which is to stop the other team."

The defense has been doing that job more than it would probably like, spending an average of 31:05 minutes on the field per game — the most on-field time of any of the league's top 12 defenses. That could play a factor in the team's fatigue down the stretch, as evidenced by the game-clinching drive on which the Dolphins embarked last week.

Keeping the explosive Cowboys off the board Sunday will be a Herculean task, but that seems to be the only hope for a victory.

"This is the NFL — you're not going to pitch shutouts," Orakpo said. "We have to keep fighting." ELLIOTT SMITH

There's No Quit in Terps' Vellano



3 P.M.
Sat. | CSN

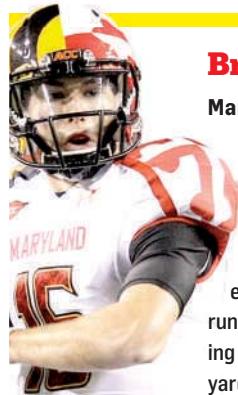


Terps Football

It's easy to fight like the devil when the game is still on the line, when all the goals aspired to before the season still float in front of you, waiting to be grasped.

When all of that's gone, when weekly losses yield frustration and disappointment and finally embarrassment, the players who still put their hands in the dirt and bang heads like the national championship is at stake? Those guys are called leaders.

Joe Vellano is one of those guys. Even with Maryland (2-8, 1-5 ACC) mired in a six-game losing streak in which it's been outscored by an



Brown Gets the Call

Maryland's quarterback controversy ended with a thud last week when Danny O'Brien suffered a broken left arm against Notre Dame. C.J. Brown, left, who replaced O'Brien periodically throughout the season, will start the final two games, the first being Saturday at Wake Forest. The matchup doesn't necessarily favor Brown's skill set. He's best known as a running quarterback. But Wake Forest has a decent rushing defense but a weak passing defense, allowing 246 yards per game, 11th in the 12-team ACC. D.T.

average of 17 points per game, Vellano, a junior defensive tackle, is forging his finest season.

As a sophomore, he recorded 63 tackles and was named second team all-ACC. This year, with two games remaining, including Saturday's at Wake Forest (5-5, 4-3 ACC), Vellano has 80 tackles and

1.5 sacks. He's forced a fumble and recovered two of them, one of which the 285-pounder picked from the air and carried 30 yards for a touchdown.

In October, against Georgia Tech's relentless triple-option rushing attack, Vellano finished with 20 tackles, an almost unprecedented

number for a defensive lineman.

"It was incredible," defensive tackle A.J. Francis remarked.

Vellano comes with a fine pedigree — his father was an all-American for the Terrapins in the 1970s — but he arrived on campus with something far short of blue-chip cachet. After playing only a few snaps as a redshirt freshman in 2009, he earned the starting job last season and never gave it up. These days, he rarely comes off the field for a single play.

That's part necessity, because Maryland's defense has been ravaged by injuries, and part because he believes he must set an example.

"It is what it is," he said. "The last couple of games, no one wants to lose like that. But just go out and play as hard as you can. There's no reason not to." DEREK TURNER

College Kickoffs



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

VIRGINIA AT FLORIDA STATE (23)

Story Line: Coach Mike London has the Cavaliers on a three-game winning streak heading into Tallahassee. A victory over Florida State would keep Virginia on pace for a season finale against Virginia Tech that would send the winner into the ACC title game. (7 P.M., ESPN2)

USC (18) AT OREGON (4)

Story Line: After routing Stanford last week, Oregon tries to keep its Pac-12 title hopes alive with a win against Lane Kiffin's improved USC Trojans. (8 P.M., ABC)

ALL GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAY

Sunday Pick'Em

Matt Swenson
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PUBLIC BAR

Arnie Applebaum
GENERAL MANAGER,
EXPRESS



COWBOYS (MINUS 8) AT REDSKINS

COWBOYS

Like you even had to ask.

REDSKINS

I picked the Redskins to win four games this year. This is the last of this kind for me.

COWBOYS

Mike and Kyle are the super-tanned, unfunny versions of Homer and Bart Simpson. Just when Redskins fans thought it couldn't get any worse. Welcome back, Rex.



BENGALS (PLUS 7) AT RAVENS

BENGALS

Who knew the Bengals would be more consistent than the Ravens this year?

RAVENS

I can't imagine what Jim Harbaugh will say to his brother if the Ravens drop this one.

RAVENS

Cincy's Andy "Red Rifle" Dalton shoots blanks against the roller coaster Ravens. Just because they are home. I know I'm going to regret this.



CHARGERS (PLUS 4) AT BEARS

BEARS

Phillip Rivers may complete more passes to Chicago's defense than his receivers.

BEARS

Norv is exactly the kind of guy who will kick to Devin Hester and learn the hard way.

BEARS

Only a team coached by Norv Turner can free-fall faster than the Redskins. Because I never pick a team coached by Norv Turner.



EAGLES (PLUS 3.5) AT GIANTS

GIANTS

As sad as the Redskins are, it's still fun to watch the Eagles suffer like this.

GIANTS

The Eagles are in total free fall. And the Giants already popped them once this season.

GIANTS

The Giants' players will all celebrate this win with shots in the club. Too soon?



BUCS (PLUS 14) AT PACKERS

PACKERS

I picked Rodgers to be league MVP before the year. Once in a while, I look smart.

PACKERS

I'm guessing Matt Flynn gets at least one touchdown this week.

PACKERS

"Mister Rodgers' Neighborhood" eschews lame sweaters in favor of large championship belts. GB will lose sometime this year (maybe Thanksgiving) but not this Sunday.

Season Tally: Dan Steinberg, 25-25; Public Bar, 31-19; Clinton Yates, 25-25; Matt Swenson, 29-21; Arnie Applebaum, 25-25

Swengali

Losing Not All Bad For the Redskins

This horrible, awful, atrocious season is the best thing that could ever happen to the Redskins. Before you ask, I am not joking.

With seven games left in the season, even the Redskins' players have given up hope. Just this week, de-



By Matt Swenson

fensive lineman Barry Cofield warned that the 2011 season, in which Washington has lost five-straight games after starting 3-1, could get "historically ugly."

Obviously, Cofield forgot that the Colts could realistically finish 0-16 this season. Still, it's pretty likely the Redskins won't win another game this year.

The old Redskins would trade for the ancient and injured Peyton Manning.

"How is this a good thing?" you ask. Because now there is no way the Redskins can fool themselves into thinking they are close to being winners. They might become desperate enough to — gasp — build through the draft. The old Redskins would trade for the ancient and injured Peyton Manning. Maybe now they can barter with the Colts to get the top pick so they can grab Andrew Luck.

Plus, this sort of season is sure to put a dent in coach Mike Shanahan's ego, which is not a bad thing. In fact, I suspect Shanahan will be more driven than ever to build a winner after the embarrassment he'll feel once Washington's pathetic season is finished.

The only shame is that this happened in Shanahan's second year. He wasted a year trying to win with over-the-hill veterans. That mistake won't be made again, and we can thank an unimaginably bad season for it.

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Hoyas Counting on Freshmen

Youngsters getting valuable playing time for 2-0 Georgetown

Hoyas Hoops

Victories against Savannah State and UNC Greensboro came easy, but Georgetown has taken away more than just wins from its first two games.

The Hoyas' summer trip to China was an early chance for this young team to find its identity. And with two more games under their belt and a lot more playing time for the freshmen, the 2011-12 Hoyas seem to have found it.

"Everybody got a better feel of what each other can do, and we have better chemistry because of it," junior Hollis Thompson said of the China trip. "I think we've had a solid group of guys all around, and they're ready to come in and contribute immediately."

In Georgetown's season opener last Saturday at home against Savannah State, freshmen Otto Porter and Greg Whittington



Georgetown freshman forward Aaron Bowen dunks against UNC-Greensboro.

played 25 and 17 minutes, respectively. Porter ended the game with nine points on 4-of-5 shooting and a team-high eight rebounds, and Whittington finished with eight points on 3-of-4 shooting, 2-of-3 from three. Though Porter and Whittington didn't contribute as much two nights later against UNC Greensboro, they still played 22 and 27 minutes, respectively.

Because of the big leads Georgetown built in these two games, Thompson III has had the luxury of playing all of his guys, giving his older players some rest and giving his newer players more experience. That could come in handy next Monday as the Hoyas begin the Maui Invitational against No. 12 Kansas

"They're going to play extended



Big Advantage

With an average height of 6 feet 6 inches, Georgetown has had early success rebounding (34 and 43 in their first two games), stealing and forcing turnovers. The Hoyas collected six of their 21 total turnovers in the first seven minutes of their game against UNCG. Of their 86 points in that game, 30 were off turnovers, and 18 were off second-chance shots. "We're able to bother teams, cause teams to turn the ball over," senior Jason Clark said. K.L.

minutes, and that's probably going to be regardless of who the opponent is," coach John Thompson III said of all the freshmen. "We're going to have a lot of different combinations."

KRYSTINA LUCIDO

In Brief



Clayton Kershaw topped Roy Halladay to win the NL Cy Young on Thursday.

PRO BASEBALL

Clayton Wins NL Cy Young

Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers won the NL Cy Young Award in a runaway Thursday. Kershaw received 27 of 32 first-place votes, five seconds and two thirds to easily outpace last year's winner, Phillies ace Roy Halladay. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Sveum to Manage Cubs

The Chicago Cubs have hired Dale Sveum as their new manager, hoping the Milwaukee Brewers hitting coach can help turn around the long-suffering franchise. The Cubs said Sveum would be introduced Friday at Wrigley Field. (AP)

SOCCER

FIFA Chief Under Fire For Racism Comments

With his organization still reeling from corruption allegations, FIFA President Sepp Blatter faced calls for his resignation Thursday after saying racial abuse on the soccer field could be settled by a handshake and quickly forgotten. The comment in TV interviews Wednesday drew outrage across soccer. British Prime Minister David Cameron called Blatter's suggestion "appalling," while the country's sports minister urged Blatter to leave "for the sake of the game." (AP)

It also raises questions about the use of the designated hitter. With constant interleague play, the chorus to either abolish it or make it uniform in both leagues will surely grow louder.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

MLB Reshapes Landscape With 2 Moves

Pro Baseball

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig made two announcements on



Selig

Thursday at the close of the owners meetings that will significantly alter the competitive shape of the sport. By 2013, the league will have constant interleague play and perhaps as soon as next season 10 teams will make the

postseason rather than eight.

Selig announced that the Houston Astros — whose sale to businessman Jim Crane became official Thursday — will shift from the National League Central to the American League West, creating two 15-team leagues.

The move provides great equity among divisions — no longer will AL West teams compete against three teams for a playoff spot while NL Central clubs vie with five.

The greater effect will come with the schedule. With an uneven

Playoff change

The playoffs will change format for the first time since 1995, when Commissioner Bud Selig ushered in three divisions and introduced the wild card. Now two wild cards will come from each league, with those wild card teams facing off in a one-game playoff to determine the fourth playoff team to join the three division winners. The switch could be implemented as soon as next year. (TWP)

number of teams in each league, an American League team will play a National League on every day of the season, from opening day to Game 162. The line between leagues, having already blurred over the years, will become nearly extinct.

It also raises questions about the use of the designated hitter. With constant interleague play, the chorus to either abolish it or make it uniform in both leagues will surely grow louder.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



Muted: Columbia has banned its marching band from playing during Saturday's football season finale against Brown because the musicians mocked the team's poor performance by using alternate words to the school fight song during last weekend's 62-41 defeat at Cornell. The band used lyrics to the effect of "Why do we even try, we always lose" in a parody of "Roar, Lion, Roar," which urges the Lions (0-9) to "fight on to victory evermore." (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Rose Bowl Chief Would Let Penn State Play

Kevin Ash, the chief administrative officer of the Rose Bowl, says if Penn State wins the Big Ten title, the Nittany Lions — caught in sex abuse scandal — will be free to play in the top-tier postseason game as far as he's concerned. (AP)

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Bessette. She wore this simple little silk crepe dress that was really understated.

What do you think about theme weddings?

If it's a theme that represents the couple, it's appropriate. In one wedding in my book, she wore fairy wings, and he wore a knight's uni-

"Men are becoming much more involved.... They're realizing it's not just a bride's wedding."

form. But they met at Marvel Comics and were very into the fantasy world! That was who they were. But there needs to be purpose and reason behind the theme.

What about the trend of having two or three wedding dresses for one bride?

I'm not a fan of it. I think you have one husband, and you have one wedding dress. Why not spend the money on one great dress, where you absolutely say, "This is it"?

What about men? Do they care about their weddings?

Men are becoming much more involved in the process. They're realizing that it's not just a bride's wedding; it's a couple's.

The new show you're working on for TLC involves doing pop-up bridal shows in different cities and tooling around in a semitruck full of wedding dresses. Do you get to drive the truck?

I've offered to take classes to drive the semitruck. There's going to be a driver, but I would love to learn to drive a big rig.

FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Locovore Bling and Pampering

Virginia jewelry designer Melissa Lew shows off her delicate, Asian-inspired necklaces and rings, and Herban Lifestyle, a local organic bath product line, demos its products. Free. Sat., noon-6 p.m. Carbon, 2643 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-6645, Carbondc.com.

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2 Zest Friend

MANHATTAN SEASON IS HERE —as in the drink, not the New York borough with a superiority complex. Messing with the bourbon (or rye)-cherry-vermouth-bitters mash-up too much ruins its dark, sweet intrigue. (Let's not speak of our sister's apocryphal addition of cherry schnapps to hers!) But Fee Brothers' Grapefruit Bitters (\$12, Amazon.com) brings a whisper—not a wallop—of acidity to our winter poison.



4 H20MG

'TIS THE SEASON of hot apartment buildings that make skin as dry as Utah. The solution for flaky, unnaturally overheated dermis, or what we call radiator-itis: Kate Somerville's Quench Hydrating Serum (\$65, Neimanmarcus.com), a moisturizer that uses vitamin A to lock in natural fluids. It gives your dermis a fresh, glowy feel that'll almost make you forget that hideous metal heating element clanging in your apartment.

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Katherine Boyle. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.



5 Tagging Turkey

HERE, MR. GOBBLES! You sit your adorable little feathered tush RIGHT HERE AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE. What's that? You want to know why don't you have a special, metal, bird-shaped place card holder (\$17 for four, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544) beside you? We must've forgotten how to spell your name. That big knife? No, we don't expect you to use it to carve the stuffing. Just sit there and look pretty, OK?



Grab Bag

1 Gianni Be Cheap

DONATELLA VER-SACE'S formaggio-orange tan would take many spendy trips to Capri to achieve. Her label's colorful, print-mad clothing isn't cheap either, unless you stand in line outside H&M (1025 F St. NW; 202-347-3306) Saturday. There, at 8 a.m. sharp, a riot should ensue as shoppers try to score cheap-chic store's collaboration with the Milan house. Worth shivering on the sidewalk for: a studded minidress (shown, \$100) and a men's suit in hot pink (\$200).



3 Apartment Therapy

THAT SOFA AT RESTORATION HARDWARE runs three times your monthly rent. Ikea tables cost too much for something one has to screw together. The Furniture Origami Set (\$12, CB2, 3307 M St. NW; 202-333-6204) holds bright papers to fold into a studio apartment's worth of furniture (bed, table, toilet). Yes, only paper dolls could use them, but the kit is cheap and requires no Allen wrenches.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I've got Thanksgiving duties this year, which means I'll be feeding 25 people, maybe more. We like to dress up for the meal, and though I'll be able to change at the last minute, I'll still want comfortable, traditional shoes to wear during the feast.

— MARILYN

Manolo says, ayyyyy! The Thanksgiving, it is barreling toward us like the runaway trainload of free-range, heirloom turkeys! And while many of us, like the Manolo, are content to fling



ourselves from the track of tradition by planning the low-key of events, involving Swanson turkey potpies and velveteen tracksuits, here is the inspirational woman who meets the challenge head on!

Not content to whip up the massive festival of domestic poultry and corn bread stuffing, our friend Marilyn is also determined to appear at the table as the fully fledged adult.

Manolo says, this is how life is to be lived! With food, friends and family, joyous celebrations and homey traditions of great meaning. Too often, in our desire for casualness, we have forgotten that we show respect for ourselves and others and the occasion when we dress properly.

It is the day when we give thanks to Divine Providence that we live in the age of abundance. Thus, it is only fitting that we should dress and behave in the manner that honors our good fortune. Here is the Svelt from Stuart Weitzman (\$285, Zappos.com) the simple pump in the lusciously autumnal color called Fire Quasar.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

lookout styles

Scrapbooks, Turning a Page

When everything is virtual, how do we hold onto memories?

The holidays make us nostalgic, so, behold, a childhood memory: When I was growing up in Florida, a state known for horrendous hurricanes, my parents replaced checkers with diversions we called "disaster games," which taught my sister and me how to escape fires and alligators without giving us night terrors. My favorite disaster game, called "What Would You Do If ...?" turned emergency preparedness into a dark art with the help of Rolos and the "Jeopardy!" theme song. My father would put forth a terrifying hypothetical:

"What would you do if you accidentally stabbed your sister?"

"What would you do if Mommy was pinned under a car in the sand?"

We would try to solve the problem. My mother was less gruesome with her disaster-preparedness questions. A home decor enthusiast, she'd ask: "Girls, what would you save if the house were to catch fire?"

The correct answer, so we were told, were the only truly priceless possessions in the house: family scrapbooks.

But what people would grab as they fled flames decades ago isn't what they'd rescue today. Who'd save the scrapbooks when the MacBook is right next to you on the sofa?

Recently, while looking for a cheap scrapbook where I could keep, among other things, my newspaper clips, I had a startling and sad revelation. Scrapbooks and photo albums — despite the surge in interest in "scrapping" in the late 1990s

— are hard to find. Almost obsolete. My intern tried to find me one for this story, and it was tough going.

Stationery giant Papyrus stopped carrying them, citing "decreased demand." The photo album section at the Target in Columbia Heights stocked only a few styles (most with frogs on them, for kids), and Paper Source sells a few, but they're "going in different directions, like inspiration boards."

Inspiration boards?! What about the past? I'm not inspired by family beach trips, my Paula Abdul perm or the ticket stubs I saved from Broadway shows.

Are memories less important now?

A Web of Memories

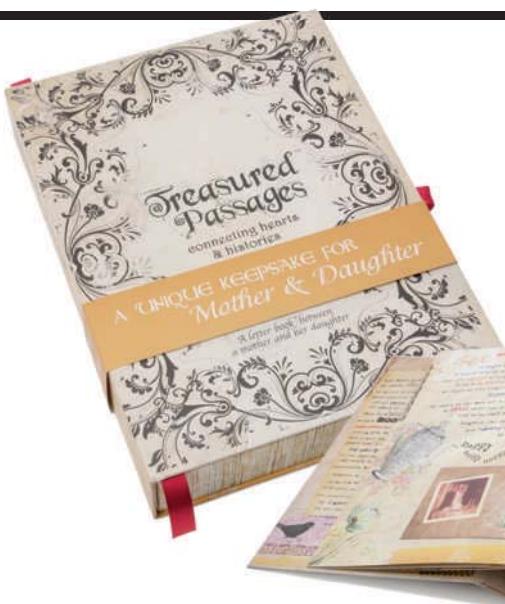
Scrapbooking, the age-old art of putting pieces of things (often ephemera — menus, postcards — the stuff you're not supposed to keep) in a 2-D book, is almost as archaic as stamp collecting. Memory keeping has always been quaint, but it's increasingly becoming a lost art when everything valuable lives on a hard drive.

I hear objections, on occasion, that these pastimes are not dead, but my empirical (and completely biased) experience tells me otherwise. In the newsroom, for instance, I rarely see young reporters sneaking off to the bins of extra papers to pick out their print clips for posterity. I'm embarrassed when I do it, pulling out my stories under my desk so that my cubicle partner doesn't catch my narcissistic attempt to preserve evidence of my career.

Few millennials keep photo albums anymore because of obvious, available innovations: Flickr and Twitpic are out there on the Interwebs, and it's simpler to post photos of your birthday party, new baby or Vegas vacation using technology.

But **memory-keeping** is a **lost art** when everything valuable lives on a **hard drive**.

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Past Perfect

The scrapbook and photo album may be on the decline, but you can still hold memories with these clever products.

1

Well Kept: All those great birthday cards you received translate well into this "Treasured Passages" mother-daughter memory book. (\$35, Uncommongoods.com)



2

Wall Power: So-called gallery walls keep photos organized. This multi-frame hanging makes the process easier (\$50, Umbra.com).



3



4

Fancy Photos: Digital picture frames get a Wi-Fi update with Sony's S-Frame W700 (price upon request, Sony.com), which allows you attach images straight from your Facebook account. Delete all college kegger photos first.



"For a generation used to instant everything, these limits are less natural. **It's possible the way memory operates is changing.** It's an interesting time."

— JILL SCHARFF OF BETHESDA, WHO SPECIALIZES IN CHILD PSYCHIATRY AND MEMORY



Best, of all, you can toss out those messy glue sticks and junky glitter pens.

You can also access nostalgia instantly, anywhere, so why not upload your memories to Facebook? Why not post your diary on Blogger? Instead of buying rhinestones and stickers for a scrapbook, why not create a public vision board on Pinterest? All the cool tech gurus in Palo Alto are doing it.

But the lack of memory-keeping in a tangible, tactile form brings up another, more "Matrix"-style question: New technology made us less attached to paper, but has it also made us less attached to memories? Seeing so much content in a steady, downloadable stream — does this make us less concerned with remembering any of it?

I inquired with a memory expert.

"Memories start getting laid down early," says Jill Scharff, a Bethesda psychiatrist who specializes in child psychiatry and memory. "Narrative memory develops at age 2, when the left brain is fully developed. But for younger generations, with unlimited access to media, there's a profusion of memory opportunity with less limitations."

So what does that mean for our vacation snaps and Playbill collections?

"Scrapbooks have page limits," Scharff says. "For a generation used to instant everything, these limits are less natural. It's possible the way memory operates is changing. It's an interesting time."

Up Against the Wall

In a Facebook culture, your home — in addition to your laptop — has emerged as a way to keep the past alive in a public, 3-D way. Where we once pulled out 2-D, private books, exposed memory boxes and walls of photos allow people to keep the good old days — whether that's a collage of Grandma's college days or your own wedding — in 3-D, public space.

"There's a huge trend with typography and imagery, of putting quotes and sayings on your walls," says Geraldine James, author of "Creative Walls: How to Display and Enjoy Your Treasured Collections." (\$30, [Tico Books](http://TicoBooks.com)) "Letters and words are very personal, so mixing the contents of the scrapbook with the display element is becoming common."

James says that personalized, glass coffee tables — think giant glass shadow boxes on legs where you display items, are becoming a popular way to showcase Great-Aunt Tille and Great-Uncle Alvarez's love letters. "Glass domes are also popular," she says. "They're a great way of keeping mementos. (Domes, \$30, PotteryBarn.com).

"And it fits the time. If you get bored with things, you can replace them and change them out," says James. "It doesn't have to be permanent."

Because, after all, our lives are going by in a click these days anyhow.

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A Fresh Take on Seasonal Settings

Rethink traditional holiday hues, tables and trees

Decor

Wendy Santantonio and her husband, Alex, go all out when it comes to holiday decorating. "When we were kids, it was a big deal to our moms that the holidays be special," says Wendy Santantonio, 33. "It was just something that we both grew up with, and it's become an intrinsic part of every year. Our lives get so busy nowadays that I think it's important to stop and celebrate the moments that make them special."

The Santantonios live in a 125-year-old rowhouse in Old Town Alexandria (which they blog about at Oldtownhome.com). So their holiday decor reflects and honors the history of their abode. But that doesn't mean they shy away from the modern: They embrace contemporary touches such as mercury glass and celadon-hued (rather than evergreen) trimmings for their bright turquoise front door.

"A good way to mix the traditional and modern is to use traditional elements, like natural greens, but play with different shapes and colors," Santantonio says. "That can introduce a fun, modern twist to your decor."

Cornucopias, pilgrims, Santa Clauses and angels aren't your only options for seasonal style. Turn the page for festive decor inspiration that's anything but ho-ho-hum.

Wendy and Alex Santantonio use colored glass, swatches of greenery and coordinated table settings to deck out their Alexandria rowhouse for the holidays.

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Seasonal Scenes

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Go Au Naturel

As the seasons change, bring the outdoors in to create your own autumn or winter wonderland, says David Anthony Chenault, the senior designer at Decorium Design and an owner of Decorium Gifts and Home (116 King St., Alexandria; 703-739-4662, Decoriumhome.com). "I'm one who will really use nature," Chenault says. "That might mean cutting down a beautiful, oversized branch that still has some Thanksgiving color and incorporating that into a glass urn on the table. And I'd bring in fresh seasonal fruit, like gourds, squash and pumpkins."

Put produce to work. "Hollow out the inside of a gourd and put a bowl in it to serve soup out of," says Kohli Flick, visual and merchandise director for Takoma Park home and gift boutique Trohv (232 Carroll St. NW; 202-829-2941, Trohvshop.com).

Change Up the Colors

"For Thanksgiving, instead of rustic reds and golds, look at browns, whites and taupes together," says Amy Rutherford, the owner of Red Barn Mercantile (113 S. Columbus St., Alexandria; 703-838-0355, Redbarnmercantile.com). Another inspired idea: "Find some really wonderful wool menswear fabric, like a dark gray pinstripe, and make a tablecloth out of it."

In December, resist the urge to go with the usual red and green, and instead try a hue that's completely unexpected. Like a pop of pink. "Pink is a great choice for holiday decorating because it's not a color that most people have in their public living areas," says Dolly Howarth, the owner of Arlington-based Howarth Designs (703-671-8448, Howarthdesigns.com).

Have Fun With Found Objects

One of the Christmas trees on display at Red Barn Mercantile this year boasts a nautical theme, complete with a garland made from rope. To take a page from Rutherford's book, "hit the hardware store and see what you can find there," she says.



Sabrina Soto, left, talks ornaments with a family on a holiday episode of "The High Low Project." Despite the red and green seen here, Soto favors nontraditional holiday decor.



Organic accents and seasonal fruit perk up wintertime entertaining.



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ford's book, "hit the hardware store and see what you can find there," she says.

Found objects lend a funky feel to decor. Try using old keys as ornaments; making a wreath out of unused buttons and a vintage life preserver; or even displaying your old ice skates. "Anything I can string up, I'll hang out there," Flick says. "I think using stuff that is easily found — and which, with a little bit of time, you can make into art — says something."

Make Over Your Mantel

Forget about swags of greenery and a lengthy lineup of stockings. Why not take a less-is-more approach?

"Do something modern and minimalistic. Hang two modern stockings from the mantel and call it a day," says Sabrina Soto, host of HGTV's budget-friendly decor show "The High Low Project," which will premiere a holiday episode Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m.

Rutherford suggests using succulents either across the top of the mantel or as a wreath above the fireplace instead of the more typical evergreen garland. "They're a fun shape and texture for the holidays," she says. "And they're very eco-friendly."



Easier Than Hue Think

Can't find an ornament that fits your desired color scheme? Try a trick from HGTV's Sabrina Soto: "Get some really cheap clear glass ball ornaments. Then, pop off the top, pour in a little bit of acrylic paint, swirl it around, and lay it upside down on a baker's rack to dry overnight." B.L.

Another option: Showcase a seasonally appropriate collection. "If you have a snow globe collection, spread it across the mantel," Rutherford says. "But don't just spread it straight across. You have to make sure to layer and tier it to really bring interest to it."

Try a New Tree

Sure, a towering Frasier fir placed in the corner of a room can instantly create holiday cheer. But there are plenty of ways to branch out from the norm. "Instead of having one giant Christmas tree, have a bunch of little ones so everyone can get their own to decorate," Flick says.

Or go for foliage that's totally unexpected. "I like the look of aluminum trees as an alternative to the traditional green tree, especially as an alternative to artificial

green trees," Howarth says. "Faux anything should look decidedly faux, in my opinion."

Delve Into a Little DIY

Lowly, everyday items become rustic ornaments and accents with a little extra attention. Flick has a few ideas: "Spray-paint some pinecones and then cluster them together with ribbon. They look beautiful hanging from a door or staircase. Or bake some acorns and then dip them in glue and glitter. They make great tie-ons for gifts."

Flick and her friends have held ornament-making parties, using items such as gingerbread and Popsicle sticks. "It's going back to the arts and crafts you did at camp and school," she says. So there is some nostalgia in all this modern decking of the halls after all.

BETH LUBERECKI

Cinematic Selling Points

Real estate agents use video listings to help potential buyers

Trends

Pat Wilkinson loved his 3,400-square-foot waterfront vacation home on Gibson Island, Md., but it was getting to be too much for him to take care of. He put it up for sale in October 2008 and watched it languish for 368 days. He needed a new strategy — and a new Realtor — and found both in Coldwell Banker's Ellie Shorb. She suggested making a video of Wilkinson's

property and posting it online to attract potential buyers.

"It's just a quantum leap in terms of helping prospective buyers," says Wilkinson, 71, an ophthalmologist who lives in a suburb of Baltimore. He believes a high-quality video in an online listing is "a genuine asset" to anyone who is house-hunting. With the help of Shorb's aggressive, innovative marketing and a price reduction, Wilkinson's house finally sold in April, for \$1.9 million.

Buyers and sellers already expect to see photos in online home listings. Now, videos are gaining popularity,



KEVIN DIETSCH

Coldwell Banker Realtor Ellie Shorb creates short videos to help sell her properties.

"Video is much more dynamic, and I think you get a more realistic concept of what you might be interested in."

PAT WILKINSON, HOMEOWNER WHO RECENTLY BOUGHT AND SOLD PROPERTIES WITH THE HELP OF ONLINE VIDEOS

too. The short films, which range in length from 30 seconds to several minutes, typically highlight individual rooms, making viewers feel as though they're walking through a property. Real estate agents often record and edit the footage themselves. They embed the videos in

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Varied Approaches to Video

Scene-Setting



For her video of Pat Wilkinson's Gibson Island, Md., home, Coldwell Banker Realtor Ellie Shorb incorporated bucolic shots of the nearby waterfront along with footage of the home.

Green Screen Seller



With the help of a green screen, Coldwell Banker's Wade Franklin has filmed himself "in" rooms to show off renovated features such as new carpeting and granite kitchen counter tops.

Homes in Action



Sotheby's short videos give voyeuristic viewers a taste of a property's amenities; one includes footage of a dinner party with a well-known local chef in a New York City penthouse apartment.

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Dynamic Listings

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e-newsletters, blogs, websites and Facebook pages to get the most bang for their buck (The cost comes out of their pockets, after all).

An April study by Postling, which helps small businesses manage social media, found that 73 percent of the nation's homeowners are more likely to list with a Realtor willing to use video. The reason lies in the numbers, says Mike Fischer, Coldwell Banker's chief marketing officer: More than 3 million people have visited Coldwell Banker's "On Location" YouTube channel (Youtube.com/coldwellbanker) since it launched in 2009. Its 30,000 listings with videos gen-

erate 20 percent more leads than those without, Fischer says.

"People don't necessarily believe the photos; photos don't tell the whole story. How does one room flow into another? What does the backyard really look like?" Fischer says. "What video can offer to a listing is just additional information and texture."

Sotheby's International Realty is one of the latest firms to become plugged in. It debuted its YouTube channel (Youtube.com/sothebysrealty) on Oct. 25, and uses the site to spotlight homes for sale by showing them in use. Wendy Purvey, the chief marketing officer at Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates, offers a hypothetical example of how Sotheby's takes advantage

of video: "In D.C., there's a really amazing house that has an incredible wine cellar, so [the agent] could bring in a local sommelier who talks about the interesting aspects of the cellar ... and maybe does a wine tasting in the home."

Sotheby's requires agents to hire professional videographers to shoot and edit their pieces, but other companies let employees try out the medium themselves. Most agents stick to the same basic principles, playing up recent renovations and scenes that feature motion, such as ceiling fans or running streams out back. Less glamorous shots, such as footage of teensy bathrooms, are usually left on the cutting room floor.

To make her short films, Shorb hires her brother-in-law, Ken DuPuis, the owner of Modern Filmworks (Modernfilmworks.tv), a local video production firm. When DuPuis filmed Wilkinson's property, he made sure to capture scenes of the shore — a boat gliding by, a bird taking flight — in addition to the house, in order to demonstrate the island's ambience. Shorb helped steer the video's content.

"I try to keep it really quick and tight, choosing a couple of rooms, maybe the kitchen and living room, entry hall," Shorb says. "I don't try to [film] the whole house, because I don't imagine that anyone's going to watch that much. And you know what? If they want to see more, maybe they'll come see the house in person."

Shorb, who works out of Coldwell Banker's Chevy Chase office, embeds her videos not just on Coldwell Banker's site but also on her website, Facebook page and Twitter feed. But because people can access videos from many sources, it's difficult to assess their effectiveness. Instead, she and other agents rely on verbal feedback from customers.

Wade Franklin, a sales associate at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Manassas, Va., says his two-minutes-or-less films for Coldwell Banker-affiliated Jim Downs Real Estate (Myvahome.com) have generated more traffic for his properties. Franklin films himself in



High-Tech Help

Real estate companies are using online videos for more purposes than simply selling homes. Here's how several firms are putting the technology to other uses.

► **Long and Foster's** primary YouTube channel (Youtube.com/LongandfosterRE) serves a number of purposes, including assisting people applying for a job and offering tips to consumers, such as how to stage a home and navigate short sales.

► **Coldwell Banker's** consumer-friendly YouTube channel (Youtube.com/coldwellbanker) includes videos on how to childproof your home, fix problems such as small holes in walls and remodel a kitchen.

► **Metropolitan Regional Information Systems' MrisTV.com** showcases videos with distinct themes, including trends and market updates from agents; training for MRS' 50,000 customers; and *Distinctive Digs*, a voyeuristic look at interesting homes for sale in the region. s.k.

front of a green screen as he talks about the most interesting parts of the homes he represents (such as new counter tops). Later, he adds in footage of those features so that it appears he's standing right next to or on top of them.

"Every house that has had a video has sold," says Franklin, who's been producing the short films since 2008. "We've had a couple people say, 'Everyone should do this for every house.'"

But videos aren't a panacea to recent housing market woes. "You can't overprice [a house] by \$50,000 or \$100,000 and have it fly off [the market] because there's a video," Shorb says. "I don't think

it's magic, but I know that it gets it seen, I know it gets it talked about, I know it helps people be interactive."

Videos certainly also aren't topping all Realtors' to-do lists. Creating them takes time — Franklin spends about seven hours on each one — and money.

"At the end of the day, most people will hop on a plane or in a car and come see it if it's passed the first hurdle of their criteria," says Michael Rankin, the managing partner at Sotheby's Georgetown office. Plus, just because the public likes to see videos doesn't mean all agents know how to make them.

"We're really trying to motivate an independent workforce to get into a technology they might not be comfortable with and ... not only take the video but edit the video

"The buyers that are out there want as much information as they can get, and looking at a crooked photocopy of a picture is not going to do it."

— JOHN HEITHAUS, CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER AT METROPOLITAN REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

and upload the video. It's a real learning curve," Fischer says.

But if agents want to be successful, video is a must, says John Heithaus, the chief marketing officer at Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, which runs the country's largest real estate listing service and monitors market trends.

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to do it," Heithaus says.

Wilkinson, who recently purchased a condo on Long Boat Key, Fla., after finding it through a video listing, has experienced the technology from both the buyer's and seller's perspective. He believes it benefits both sides.

"Video is much more dynamic, and I think you get a more realistic concept about what you might be interested in," he says. "And it might be just as important to [help] rule things out." STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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Debates

Paying \$700 per month plus utilities for a three-way share in Mount Pleasant might seem too good to give up to the average District renter. Not Kevin Ogorzalek.

Living in that apartment for the past five years was indeed a money saver for the 29-year-old Chicago native, but every dollar — \$30,000, to be exact — was tucked away with the intention of one day buying a home. And Ogorzalek did just that last month, closing on a two-bedroom, two-bath condo at 2910 Georgia Ave. NW.

The \$350,000 unit, near Howard University, offers sweeping views of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Washington Monument. Ogorzalek, a program officer for World Wildlife Fund, was drawn to the new building by its value.

“With the location, I could rent it if I needed to ... move outside of D.C. and not take a bath on the mortgage. That really helped put my mind at ease about the pur-

chase,” he said. “Plus, the mortgage rate was pretty sweet.”

Ogorzalek is part of what some analysts and real estate professionals see as the beginning of the reversal in the trend toward renting that defined Washington’s housing market during the downturn. Record-low mortgage rates and stable housing prices are enticing more young professionals to buy in the area — but is it really the best time?

A new analysis by research firm Capital Economics in October found that U.S. median mortgage payments have reached the same price as median rental payments.

In the Washington area, rents are going up, climbing 3.7 percent for the 12 months ending September and averaging \$1,708 a month in 2011, according to Alexandria research firm Delta Associates. Local landlords have raised rents an average of 3.7 percent a year since 2006.

Meanwhile, condominiums saw a 3.3 percent decline in prices for new units and a 3.9 percent decrease for existing units, according to Delta Associates. Area prices for single-family homes rose 2.4 percent, to \$330,000, according to Real Estate Business Intelligence.

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To Rent or Buy?

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For many young professionals, buying a first home is part of the American dream. But that dream now has to factor in a number of other moving parts about whether it will pay off as an investment.

The case for buying

Homeownership took a hit in the wake of the housing crisis, but the foundation remains, as illustrated by the moderate rebound in purchases. Pending sales of single-family homes in the Washington area were up 12.4 percent in September compared to the previous year and 11.7 percent ahead of the five-year average, according to Real Estate Business Intelligence.

First-time home buyers in the District are eligible for tax credits if they purchase by the end of the year. Maryland has an ongoing tax credit for home buyers. Virginia does not offer a similar tax credit.

Lawmakers are considering increasing down payment requirements, which would make buying more difficult. For now, however, there are still incentives and programs to help property virgins.

At a recent housing fair in Ballston, Lyndsey McFail, 24, was surprised to learn she could make up to \$120,000 a year and still qualify for the Virginia Housing Development Authority's FHA Plus home loan for first-time buyers. Borrowers can put down as little as 1 percent of the sales price.

"The biggest challenge is find-

ing something within my budget," said McFail, a graduate student at Georgetown University and a marketing analyst who has saved \$10,000 toward a down payment.

Reasons to rent

For others, renting seems not so much a choice as the only option.

"I hate throwing money away, but with the rent prices in D.C. so high, it's really hard to save enough for a down payment," said Ariel Delaco-Lohr, 29, an account manager at a District nonprofit group. In 11 years, she has rented four apartments, the most recent being a two-bedroom share in LeDroit Park for about \$1,000 a month.

Now that her roommate is getting married, Delaco-Lohr needs a new place. Most of the apartments she's seen are older, small units, where options seem scarcer than when she was looking a year ago. Data from Delta Associates bear out her observations.

Renters filled 3,668 units in the third quarter, compared with 16,476 for the same period a year earlier, according to the firm.

Occupancy across Bozzuto Management's portfolio of 89 apartment buildings in the region is about 95 percent, according to the company's president, Julie A. Smith.

"We're seeing fewer concessions as well as continued demand for studios and one-bedroom, which are typically in short supply," Smith said. "We're still seeing people who might otherwise buy stay in the rental market." DANIELLE DOUGLAS
(THE WASHINGTON POST)



Kevin Ogorzalek saved \$30,000 toward his down payment by renting for five years.

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I like taking my 3-year-old to press screenings. We go often enough that I haven't taken him to a "real" movie in a long time. For all he knows, all movies start at 10 a.m. on Saturdays at a theater not necessarily near us.

But when scheduling conflicts meant I wouldn't be able to take him to see "The Muppets" before its release next Wednesday, I was fine with it — here's a kids' movie I'm excited enough about to actually spend money on. I have no idea whether the film is any good. But I have a special place in my heart for Kermit and Fozzie and the rest, because I can trace my love of movies right back to them.

"The Muppet Movie" is the first movie I remember seeing in theaters. Two things stick in my memory: Animal getting really big and Kermit riding a bicycle. One terrified me (seriously, I had nightmares about Giant Animal), but both thrilled me. I saw Kermit riding a BIKE. He had LEGS. It was the first time a movie showed me something I had never seen before. I was so enthralled I forgot to wonder how they did it (of course, that also could be because I was 3).

This will be my son's first non-animated movie. It's not the same, I know. And while he likes "Sesame Street," he's not really familiar with the Muppet gang. But all I want out of this film is something — big or small — that makes his jaw drop.



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'Dawn' Broken

The latest 'Twilight' chapter isn't any more sincere than the rest

Film Review

Recent high school graduate Bella Swan grows up a lot in "Breaking Dawn - Part 1," becoming a bride, a potential mother and perhaps something stranger. Yet the "Twilight Saga" hasn't matured along with its heroine. In fact, the latest movie regresses a bit, delivering more filler, less feeling and crummier CGI than last year's "Eclipse."

As the trailer (and the book) have already revealed, the drama this time is principally obstetric. In the movie's bland first half, which is less Bram Stoker than Martha Stewart,

Bella (Kristen Stewart) prepares for woodland nuptials with pasty vampire dreamboat Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). We do see a bloody Edward-ian flashback and an angry run through the Washington-state forest by wolfman Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), the excluded member of the tale's menagerie a trois. But much of the action involves shoes, dresses and tearful, happy-sad chats with Mom and Dad.

Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" books rely on the erotic allure of repression, so it's no surprise that

Edward is hesitant to claim Bella's famous virginity, even after they're married. The couple's long-delayed consummation, supposedly both scary and wonderful, occurs off-camera. While Edward resists a second attempt, once was enough to render Bella pregnant.

Edward worried that his lovemaking would be too much for a mere human, but his shattering force pales next to the fetus'. This fast-growing, half-human invader threatens to destroy Bella, who becomes so gaunt she looks as if she's on the Christian Bale diet.

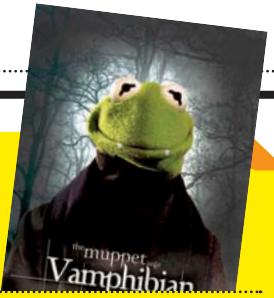
Jacob's werewolf clan fears Bella and Edward's offspring, and plans to terminate it. Peeved as Jacob is, he immediately sides with the vampires to defend Bella and the child. There'll be a lot more protecting in "Breaking Dawn - Part 2," scheduled for release next November. To judge by the teaser, which is hidden amid this one's credits, the sequel will be campier than the first installment.

Twilight: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13)

► **Director:** Bill Condon

► **Stars:** Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner

► **In a Nutshell:** Girl marries vampire. Girl and vampire consummate marriage, inspiring another predictable, angst-riddled chain of events. Also, cliff-hangers.



Muppetology

Actually Meant To Make You Laugh

Playing to "Twilight" fever, Disney released three new promotional posters for next week's "The Muppets" featuring Miss Piggy as Bella Swine, Kermit as Vamphibian and Rowlf as WereRowlf. (EXPRESS)

"Breaking Dawn" does pack some inadvertent laughs, notably in Bella's choices of baby names, the script's notions of werewolf mating habits and Lautner's attempt to convey strong emotion by squinting. Aside from regularly removing his shirt, Jacob is required to spend a lot of time hanging around the Cullen home, glowering and muttering such memorable lines as "whatever." The wolfman and the movie are more articulate when he gallops howling through the trees.

MARK JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Edward (Robert Pattinson), left, and Bella (Kristen Stewart), right, pause to play chess before a fast-growing, half-human invader threatens to destroy Bella.

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Comedy in Grief

'The Descendants' balances humor with regret and suffering

Film Review

George Clooney doesn't put a foot wrong except on purpose in "The Descendants," a pitch-perfect movie that threads a tiny needle between comedy and devastating drama.

Clooney's misstep, if you can call it that, occurs when his character, Matt King, makes a pivotal discovery and high-tails it to a neighbor's house with all the grace of a recently castrated ostrich; Clooney's syncopated, ungainly run has been replayed to death in trailers for "The Descendants," suggesting that it's all slapstick buffoonery and "Little Miss Sunshine" dysfunction.

In reality, the film is much more than that: a tough, tender, observant, exquisitely nuanced portrait of mixed emotions at their most confounding and profound.

King is the wealthy descendant of Hawaiian royalty, who, as the movie opens, is watching his wife,



George Clooney, left, plays Shailene Woodley's father in "The Descendants."

The Descendants (R)

► **Director:** Alexander Payne
► **Stars:** George Clooney, Shailene Woodley, Amara Miller
► **In a Nutshell:** A land baron tries to reconnect with his two daughters after his wife suffers an accident.

Elizabeth, lie comatose in a hospital bed after suffering a near-fatal boating accident. A distant husband

and father, Matt must find a way to bond with his daughters, 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller) and 17-year-old Alex (Shailene Woodley)

"The Descendants" is an ode to emotional dissonance, wherein regret and antic humor can coexist and even share a drink; it's a tricky tonal high-wire act that writer-director Alexander Payne pulls off with uncommon skill and aplomb.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

So Much for 'Happy Feet'

Film Review

In "Happy Feet Two," there's precious little of what gave "Happy Feet" its incongruous, yet infectious charm: a tap-dancing penguin.

The gotta-move protagonist of the first animated, Antarctica-set feature — a misfit young emperor penguin named Mumble (Elijah Wood) — returns for the sequel. Only this time he's all grown up — and a lot less fun.

In his place are a lot of other polar creatures vying for screen time and our attention. There's an elephant seal named Bryan; a pair of bioluminescent krill shrimp trying to move up the food chain (Brad Pitt and Matt Damon); and an odd-

Happy Feet Two (PG)

► **Director:** George Miller
► **Stars:** Elijah Wood, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Hank Azaria
► **In a Nutshell:** Mumble's son, Erik, is struggling to realize his talents in the emperor penguin world. Meanwhile, Mumble and his family and friends discover a new threat to their home.



looking marine bird named Sven (Hank Azaria), who everyone presumes is a penguin but who inexplicably can fly.

It will be pretty obvious that Sven isn't what he says he is. Neither is "Happy Feet Two," which is a largely mirthless affair.

The biggest letdown is the absence of dancing. Mumble, the former hoover, is now the father of a penguin chick named Erik (Ava Acres). He spends most of his time putting his foot down after Erik, who doesn't like to dance, runs away from home, and Mumble is forced to go get him and bring him back, scolding him the entire way.

So much for happy feet.
MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (TWP)

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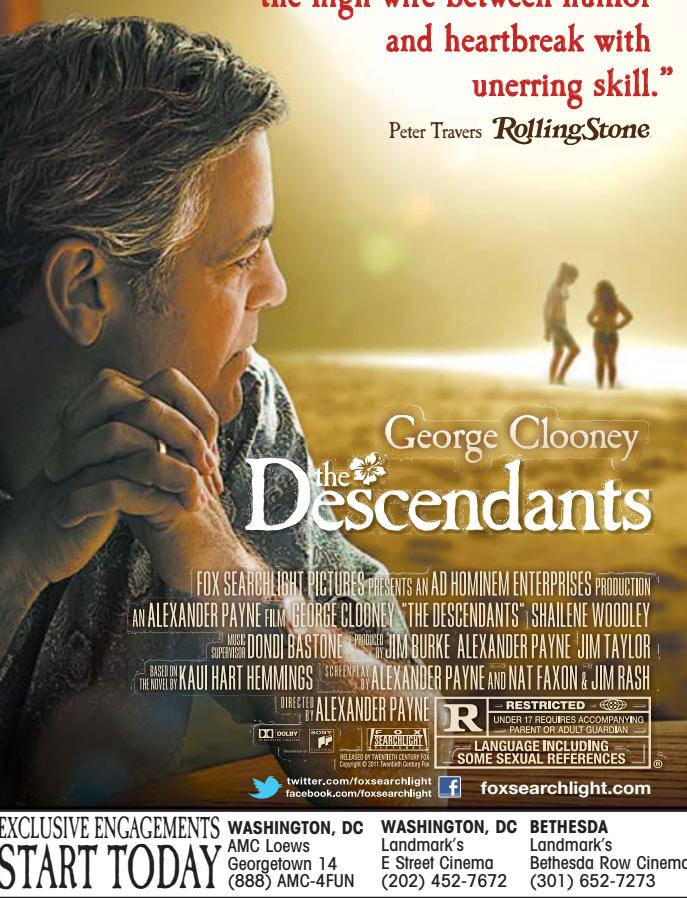
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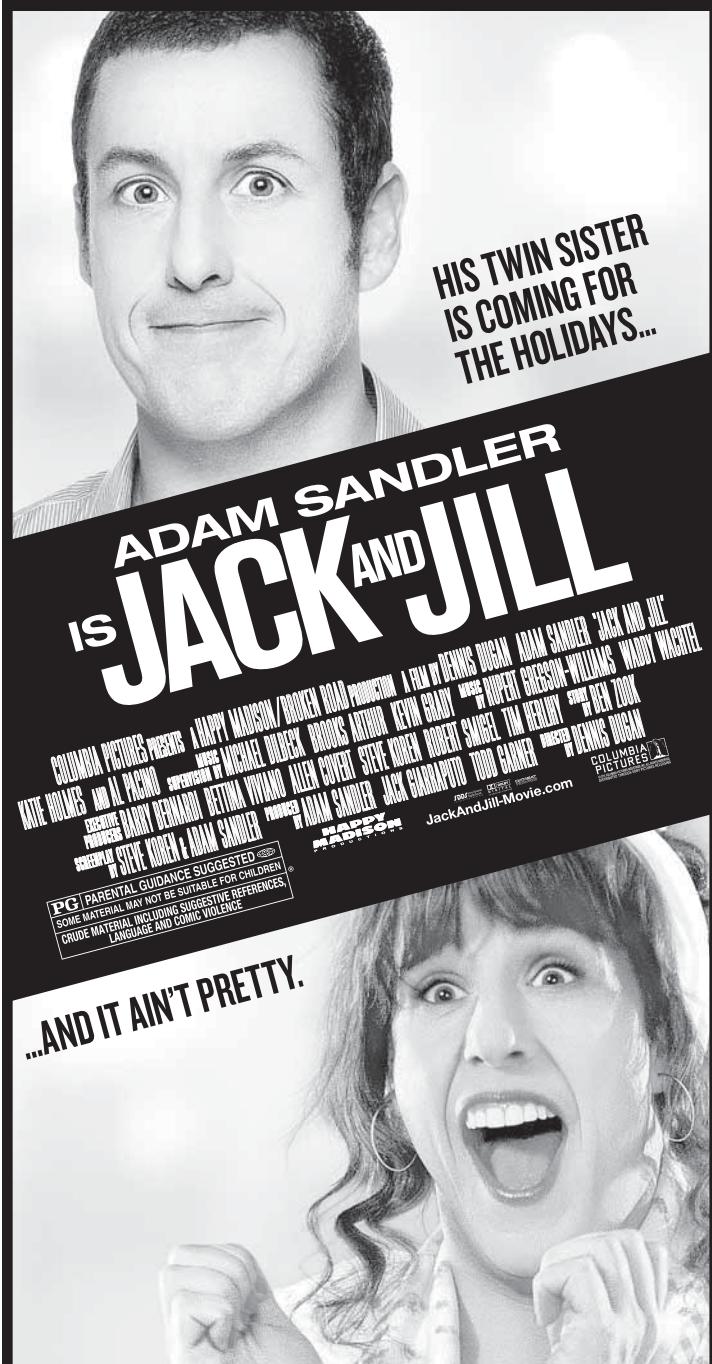
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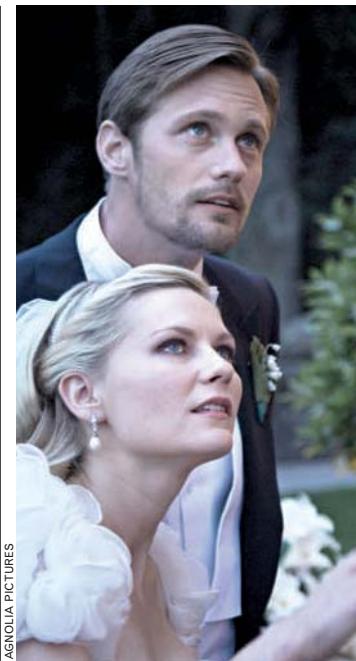
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Now Playing

ANONYMOUS (PG-13, 130 minutes) In this alternately entertaining and wildly ham-handed speculative romp, director Roland Emmerich and screenwriter John Orloff advance the notion that William Shakespeare was a fraud and that Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, actually wrote those famous plays and poems, his Puritan upbringing and noble station preventing him from dabbling publicly in such ink-stained enterprises. But what first promises to be an intriguing if loony divertissement eventually succumbs to outrageousness for its own sake. Don't let the frilly costumes, courtly language and historical pretense fool you: "Anonymous" is still a Roland Emmerich movie — a blessing when it comes to vigor and a curse when it comes to subtlety, proportion or sense. A.H.

IN TIME (PG-13, 110 minutes) Set in a dystopian future in which time is, quite literally, money, "In Time" engages with philosophy and politics in a way that few action movies do. In filmmaker Andrew Niccol's invented universe, everyone has been genetically engineered to stop aging at 25. You're given a year to live at that point, which will go up if you work hard. Here, the price of everything is measured by a clock, not a checkbook. As in the real world, there are the haves and the have-nots. The action is set in motion when Will comes into a lot of extra time. But Will gets more than a new lease on life; he also learns the truth about how the unequal system works. It's a political wake-up call for our hero, who becomes radicalized. M.O.

JACK AND JILL (PG, 89 minutes) In "Jack and Jill," a lowbrow drag comedy, Adam Sandler plays both Jack, a successful, attractive L.A. advertising director, and Jack's identical twin sister, Jill, an overweight, abrasive harpy with a room-temperature IQ. Like all Happy Madison productions, it cannot really be said to be good or bad, any more than dumping a bag of marbles onto a bathroom scale can be said to result in an accurate weight. It is what it is — something unruly, stupid and sort of funny, in the same way that passing gas is funny. There is a lot of passing gas in "Jack and Jill." The unsurprisingly bon-mot-free script is by Steve Koren, Robert Smigel and Ben



As Justine (Kirsten Dunst) and Michael (Alexander Skarsgård) wed in "Melancholia," Earth's future comes into doubt.

Zook. Why it took three of them to come up with the story, in which a Thanksgiving visit by Jill turns into an eight-week nightmare for Jack — and an 89-minute one for you — is anyone's guess. M.O.

LIKE CRAZY (PG-13, 88 minutes) The exhilaration of first love and the pain of its denouement burst forth with aching tenderness in "Like Crazy." Felicity Jones and Anton Yelchin play Anna and Jacob, who meet when they're college students and fall in love after Anna boldly leaves a note on Jacob's windshield. "Like Crazy" then sends viewers along for the ecstatic ride as Anna and Jacob discover that they're soul mates, with director Drake Doremus telling the story as a collection of vagrant moments of connection and intimacy. "Like Crazy" gives filmgoers an over-the-shoulder view of a relationship at just about every stage of its morphology, conveying the vicarious pleasure and pain of love and separation through characters eminently worth rooting for. A.H.

MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE (R, 101 minutes) Elizabeth Olsen delivers an utterly transfixing turn as the title character of this chilling psychological thriller, in which a young woman named Martha joins a cult and is rechristened "Marcy May" by the group's dangerously charismatic leader. Structured mostly in flashbacks while Martha seeks to reunite with her estranged sister Lucy, this is a story that's about a cult only in

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the most superficial sense. As Olsen's alternately recessive, spontaneous, blunt and vulnerable turn suggests, it's about a woman forging an identity in spite of the familial and pseudo-familial forces that never cease to exert their own destructive pulls. Just how Martha's reunion will play out with Lucy takes on the contours of a horror film in "Martha Marcy May Marlene," which, true to its art-house spirit, offers no easy answers. A.H.

MELANCHOLIA (R, 135 minutes) A masterpiece of grandeur, millennial angst and high romantic style, "Melancholia" takes themes that have marked the best films of 2011 and spins them into a blast of cosmic sparkle dust. "Melancholia" begins in earnest with the late arrival of a bride and groom to their wedding party. The bride's ambivalence comes into florid expression at the reception, a lavish affair that writer-director Lars von Trier films virtually in real time, as the newly wed Justine and her groom, Michael, navigate their fragile new life as a couple. The setup has the makings of a bitterly funny dysfunctional-family comedy, but von Trier instead plays it for maximum nihilistic drama. The "Melancholia" wedding seems to go on and on, with Justine's skepticism finally taking a shockingly subversive turn. As von Trier's ultimate wish-fulfillment fantasy, "Melancholia" is a broodingly downbeat self-portrait but also the inspiring work of an artist of seemingly boundless imaginative power. A.H.

PUSS IN BOOTS (PG, 90 minutes) The feature-length animated spin-off—a star turn for the popular "Shrek" supporting character voiced by Antonio Banderas—is almost shockingly good. The character is still something of a delusional Casanova, and the action is still set in the world of fairy tales, but the story has been given a spicy spaghetti-western kick. "Puss in Boots" centers on Puss' efforts to steal the goose that lays the golden eggs from a giant's castle in the clouds. Assisting him in this adventure are his childhood pal Humpty Dumpty and rival cat burglar Kitty Softpaws, who is, naturally, Puss' love interest. M.O.

TOWER HEIST (PG-13, 105 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Josh Kovacs, the general manager of the Tower, a posh apartment complex. Overseeing a motley staff, Josh proudly caters to every passing whim of his elite clientele, the richest of whom is penthouse dweller Arthur Shaw. He appears genial, but when the staff pen-

sions Josh invested with Shaw disappear like the dregs of last night's single malt, the game is afoot. As enjoyable as the individual performances are, they don't always emulsify into a smoothly integrated whole. But that matters little in a movie that derives most of its cachet from how uncannily it chimes with the times. The "Tower Heist" heroes often seem lifted directly from the Central

Casting handbook, their antics preposterous enough to beggar belief, but they arrive at just the right moment. They're the 99 percent. A.H.

A VERY HAROLD AND KUMAR 3D CHRISTMAS (R, 90 minutes) There's so much on-screen drug use that you get a kind of contact high just from watching this film. It's a decent but not amazing buzz. When we first catch up with our

protagonists—former roommates and BFFs Harold (John Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn)—the two have gone their separate ways. Harold, whose friends now call him "Harry," is a married banker living in the suburbs. Kumar, having been thrown out of medical school, is still living in the pair's dumpy old apartment. Through a complex chain of events, the two find themselves again thrown together in a

series of silly misadventures, this time revolving around the search for a Christmas tree. The subplot has to do with estranged friends' reconciling and growing up—but not too much. The laughs are, for the most part, as lowbrow as they come. M.O.

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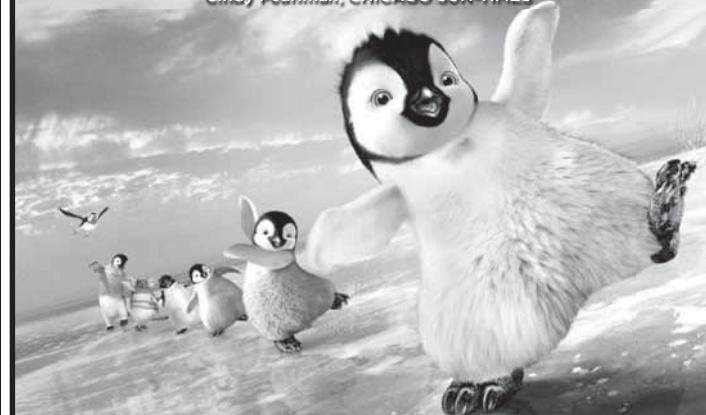
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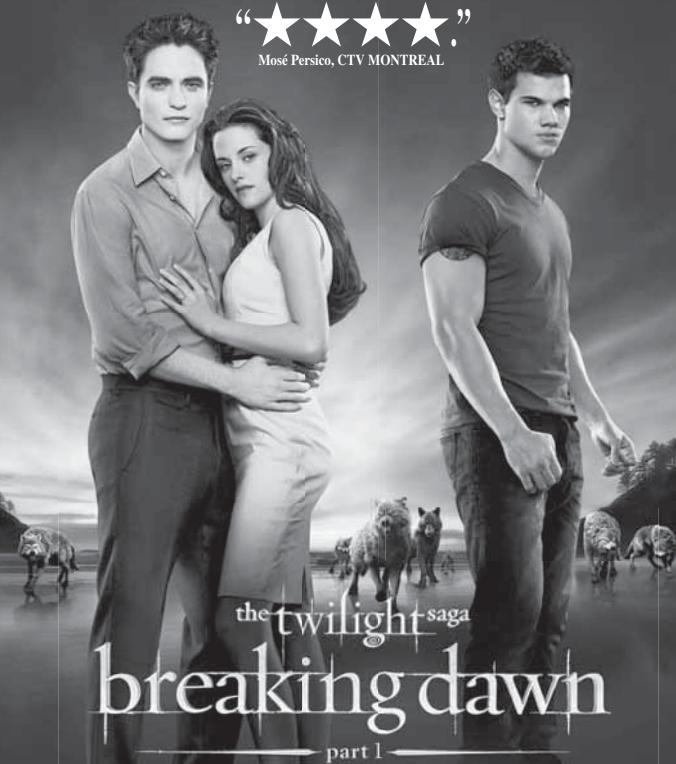
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Modern Times (1936) (NR) 12:00-10:00
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The Howard University a cappella ensemble Afro Blue won a million awards (slight exaggeration) before it landed on NBC's "The Sing-Off." Now the group is nationally famous. You can see Afro-Blue (and enjoy the dance floor the Kennedy Center breaks out for special occasions) with the Howard University Jazz Ensemble at Millennium Stage — and at 8 p.m. Monday on "The Sing-Off" as the final four groups face off. **Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sun., 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)**

2 Dance Along

In the seemingly constant barrage of "Sound of Music" and "Grease" sing-alongs, how have we never attended a "Moulin Rouge" sing-along night? It's a way better idea, because it includes Elton John and Madonna songs, and there's a jealous duke and love on rooftops and tuberculosis. And there's even a little snippet from "Sound of Music" in the movie if you're feeling nostalgic. For super-fans, there's trivia, costume and can-can contests beforehand. **Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington; Sat., 6:30 p.m., \$15; 703-486-2345, Arlingtonondrafthouse.com.**

3 Open Season

The ice skating rink at the National Sculpture Garden opens for the season this weekend. And thus, the best/worst date spot in D.C. is available again. If you can skate at all, or if you make clumsy look adorable, then pairs skating followed by hot chocolate is the sweetest thing you can ask someone to do. If you're liable to concuss yourself or skate over someone's hand or see the ice and think, "That looks delicious," maybe stick to dates inside the National Gallery. **National Sculpture Garden, 7th Street NW and Constitution Avenue; through winter, \$7-\$8; 202-216-9397, Nga.gov. (Archives)**

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TV weekend lookout

Inside a Mastermind

Woody Allen opens up about his work and life in a new PBS film

Documentary

SUN 9:00 What comes through most in 'Woody Allen: a Documentary,' Robert Weide's involving, two-part PBS profile of the nebbishy auteur (Sun. and Mon., 9p.m.), is that Allen — who has made such a career out of neuroses, phobias and other assorted worries — seems nearly unaffected by what anyone has ever said about him or his work.

That's a shame, if only because so much has been said and written about Allen. Millions of words, thousands of column inches, entire film-theory dissertations, best-selling biographies; critical raves, pans and verbose analyses. Entire forests have fallen so that people could tell other people what they think



Woody Allen, the subject of a new "American Masters," turns 76 this December.

of Allen and what his movies have meant. (Another forest fell in the tabloid chronicling of his breakup with Mia Farrow in the 1990s.) None of it ever made much of a dent, according to the man himself.

"Woody Allen" does a nice job of surmounting all that has been said before and packaging it into a tidy, informative mini-epic. The film, part of the "American Mas-

ters" series, is helped immensely by the fact that Allen, who will turn 76 on Dec. 1, cooperated happily and at quite some length, granting Weide lots of access to his closest collaborators and his thought processes. He answers questions about his work and life in ways that he's been reluctant to do in the past. But even now, he is still far too humble.

HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Best Bets

FRI 9:00



Fringe (FOX) The team investigates the mysterious death of a man whose body began to turn stark white after he passed, apparently the victim of some invisible force. Olivia (Anna Torv, left, with Lance Reddick) is plagued by migraines.

SUN 8:00

2011 American Music Awards (ABC) British singer Adele is the one to beat at this year's AMAs. Performers include Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Jennifer Lopez, Kelly Clarkson, Justin Bieber and Chris Brown.

SUN 9:00

The Good Wife (CBS) Will and Alicia (Julianna Margulies, shown) argue a case in front of a volatile military judge. A new rival (guest star Amy Sedaris) shakes Eli's (Alan Cumming) confidence. Diane (Christine Baranski) issues an ultimatum for the good of the firm.

SUN 10:30

How to Make It in America (HBO) With his faith in Nancy and Yosi wavering, Ben tries to put CRISP back together and repair his friendship with Cam in the season finale. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Farewells



Life Goes On

After more than 20 years of co-hosting morning chat-fests with blond women whose names start with "K," Regis Philbin makes his final appearance on "Live With Regis and Kelly" (Fri., 9a.m., ABC). Don't expect him to head for the rocking chair, though; he has a memoir to sell, an ongoing commercial endorsement gig and plenty of other projects on tap. (TM)

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“Google is late to the digital music party in every way imaginable. ... Google Music arrived bearing the same gifts as the other guests — oh, and some exclusive live Dave Matthews Band tracks. Just more evidence that Google has no idea what is going on with music today.”

— **GIZMODO.COM** wasn't impressed with the search giant's new streaming music venture, which launched this week.

“It's difficult to take the whole manufactured 'controversy' seriously. This is Benetton, which has a track record of making shocking ads to generate buzz. It's worked before. ... Judging from the outcry, 'Unhate' is working, too.”

— **ADWEEK.COM** wasn't moved by the Italian clothing company's new ads, which show Photoshopped images of world leaders kissing, such as President Obama and Hugo Chavez, above. One featuring the Pope and an imam was pulled once the Vatican denounced it as an unacceptable provocation.

“Well, this might explain why D.C. is routinely being charged with lack of style. Not bad style. Just total lack of style. Ann Taylor is rather dry.”

— **A COMMENTER AT WASHINGTONPOST.COM** reacts to Monica Hesse's story about Ann Taylor and its hold on Washington women's fashion.

“In all fairness to the business of advertising, this particular commercial is not groundbreaking or cause for deep awe. It is, however, cute and features several things that make me happy (a feat that even my husband has yet to accomplish fully).”

— **FORCESOFGEEK.COM** enjoyed a FedEx Canada commercial that features a goose sending a hockey stick to a dog in the U.S. via an elaborate system of packages set up as dominoes.

“I might have watched the show a handful of times on mute, so I can't say the show was good either way. I guess it doesn't matter at this point.”

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Puzzles

Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may start something today that, though small now, can grow quickly into something large and formidable, and a lot of fun, too!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You know how to draw attention to yourself, and you know exactly when it is best to do so — and today, the time is certainly right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You can organize others into a group that demands attention — but you must take care that unusual methods don't overtake your true motives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are nearing a crossroads, and the changes that you may consider are both trivial and significant — and worthy of serious thought.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A regular problem may require rather unusual methods today in order for it to be put to rest. Others are looking to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll want to spend more time with one or more members of your extended family — and remember that such bonds may be tighter than expected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not be able to swing into action as quickly, or with as much resolve, as you had hoped.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care that you don't turn a trivial issue into something that drives a wedge between you and someone close to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You know how to make others take notice of your efforts, even when those efforts are not completely thought out — just yet.

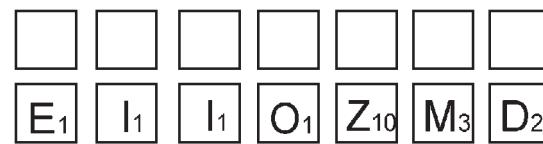
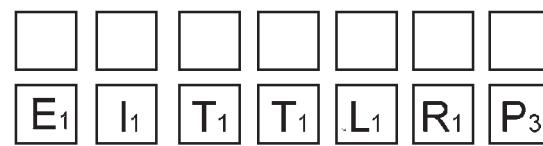
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll find yourself moving up through the ranks very quickly, provided you remain true to yourself, and resist the temptations around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not have the support of everyone you had counted on, but those who are on your side can very well give you the victory you seek.

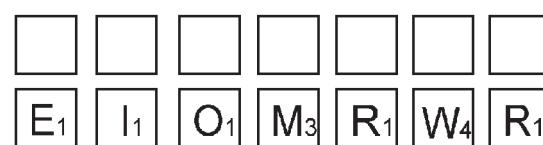
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The satisfaction you feel as a result of staying the course may surprise you — but it will ensure your continued progress, for now.

Scrabble Grams

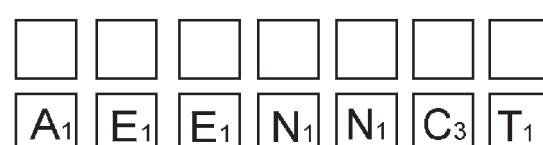
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Triple Word Score



3rd Letter Double



Yesterday's Solution

W ₄	I ₁	D ₂	O ₁	W ₄			RACK 1 =	12
S ₁	U ₁	R ₁	V ₄	E ₁	I ₁	L ₁	RACK 2 =	60
O ₁	V ₄	E ₁	R ₁	T ₁	I ₁	P ₃	RACK 3 =	74
W ₄	I ₁	T ₁	L ₁	E ₁	S ₁	S ₁	RACK 4 =	68
							TOTAL	214

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Sudoku

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9	8	4		3
3	6		7	4
	3			8 6
3	5		2	1
2	9		4	
		2	7	5 1
6		1	8	7

Yesterday's Solution

3	2	7	4	5	9	8	6	1
9	5	1	6	2	8	3	7	4
8	6	4	1	3	7	2	5	9
5	7	6	8	4	3	1	9	2
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6	8	5	3	1	4	9	2	7
4	9	3	2	7	6	5	1	8
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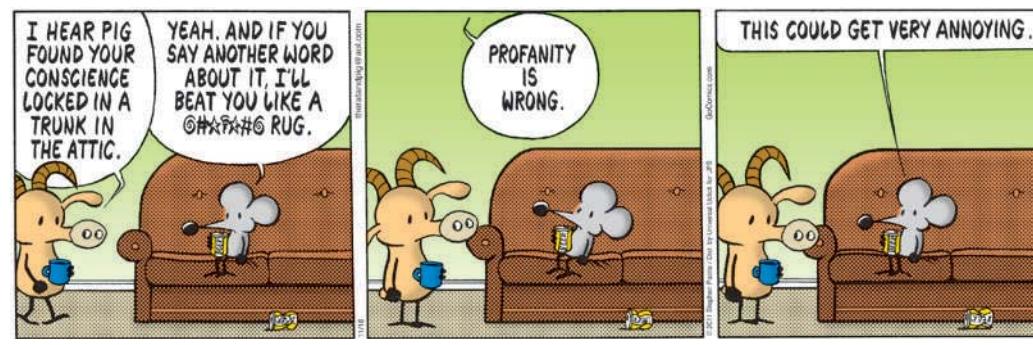
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48 | 31

Today: Chilly today with a full day of sunshine. Mainly clear tonight.



54 | 42

Tomorrow: Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow. Patchy clouds tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN | MON



TUE

61 | 48 | 60 | 47 | 58 | 44

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:54 a.m.

Sunset today: 4:53 p.m.

Moonrise today: none

Moonset today: 12:33 p.m.

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Normal high: 57

Record high: 77

Normal low: 41

Record low: 17

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Crossword

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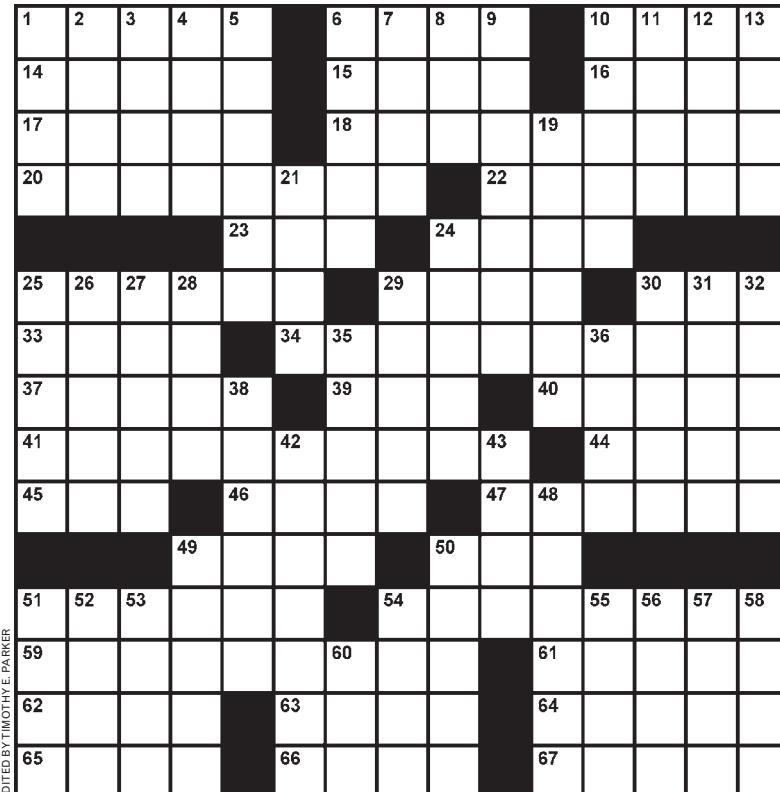
1 Former "Hannah Montana" star Miley 1958
 6 Magic wand 44 Ready, willing and ___
 10 ___ mater 45 "Get the message?"
 14 Stir from slumber 46 Big water pipe
 15 Attack code word 47 Woman hoping for a knight in shining armor
 16 Beast hunted by a pigsticker 49 Political campaign ammunition
 17 Ford's predecessor in 1973 50 Brooks of "Blazing Saddles"
 18 "Family" film of 1989 51 Like some tales
 20 "Family" film of 1999 54 Short musical piece
 22 Acts theatrical 59 "Family" film of 1992
 23 NASA's Grissom 61 Harder to find
 24 Book by Noah Webster (abbr.) 62 "If all ___ fails ..." 63 Its flag features a beehive
 25 President ___ (acting head) 64 "Family" film of 1983
 29 Hourly pay 65 Draft choices
 30 Emmy winner Ruby 66 Yankees' crosstown rivals
 33 Name on many jeans' labels 67 Reaches from end to end
 34 "Family" film of 1938
 37 Ills
 39 Flightless bird
 40 Breadmaker's raw material
 41 "Family" film of

DOWN

1 Hermit or horseshoe, e.g. 2 Cartoon bear

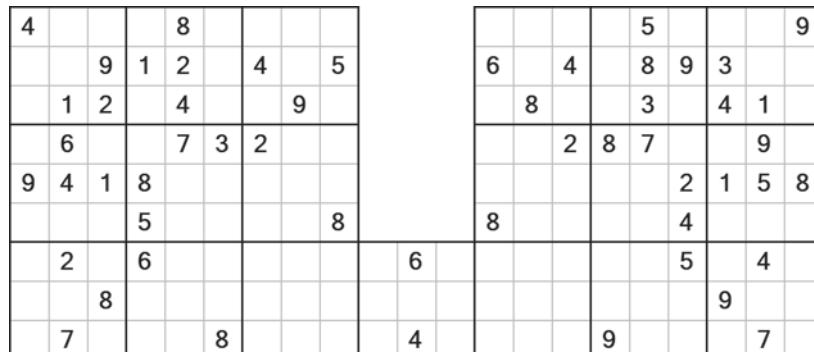
3 Ladder crosspiece 32 Lucy's partner in hijinks
 4 "New to you," in car salesman-speak 35 Send in, as payment
 5 Raw material for Ed Norton? 36 Lead a nomadic life
 6 Small earrings 38 "Thick as thieves," e.g.
 7 Broadway award 42 It vibrates at a rock concert
 8 Curved line 43 Unspoiled paradise
 9 North Carolina city 48 Emergency notifiers
 10 Chief monk 49 Lavishes affection (on)
 11 Clod
 12 Chemical used for riot control
 13 Sacred chests
 19 Moderated a variety show
 21 Kind of luck
 24 Single piece of information
 25 Courtroom statements
 26 Musical stage production
 27 Like a shepherd's charges
 28 Pinball machine no-no
 29 Creation of Genesis 2:22
 30 Gives a thrashing
 31 Presidential Seal symbol

50 Butterfly relatives
 51 Between ports 52 Aquatic lung
 53 Oh, to be in ancient Rome!
 54 Jazzy vocalizing
 55 Ground crew's rollout
 56 "___ La Douce"
 57 Gas in advertising lights
 58 Venus de Milo knock-offs?
 60 Made it through crunch time?

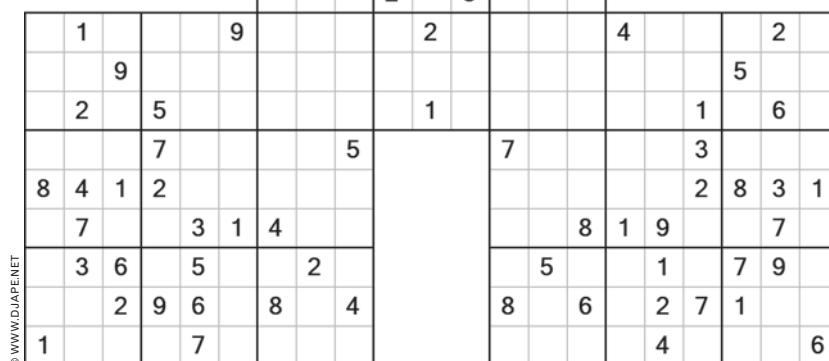
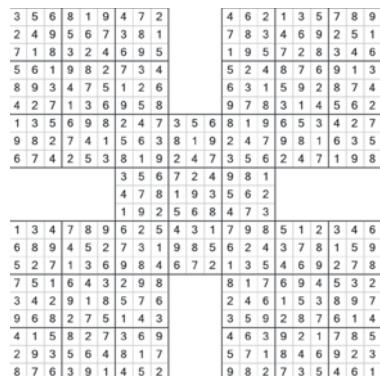


Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



Last Week's Solution



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Today in History

1883 The United States and Canada adopt a system of Standard Time zones.
1928 "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premieres in New York.
1966 U.S. Roman Catholic bishops drop the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.
1987 The congressional Iran-Contra committees issue their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides.

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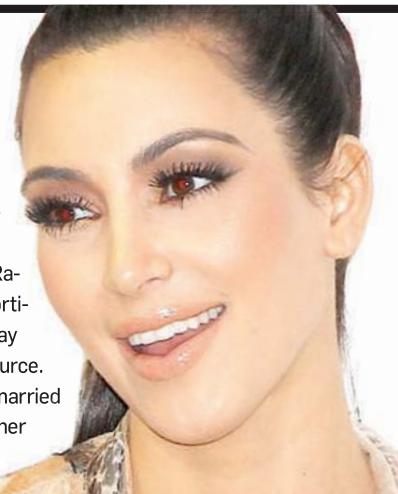
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ACHIEVEMENTS

Kim Sets World Record For 'Most Strenuous Act of Blame Shifting'

Kim Kardashian decided to divorce Kris Humphries after watching footage of "Kourtney and Kim Take New York" in mid-October, according to RadarOnline.com. Kardashian was "mortified when she saw on camera the way that Kris was treating her," said a source. "She just couldn't believe she had married this man that was treating her and her family like this." (EXPRESS)



EVIDENCE

Who Needs DNA When Everyone Has iPhones?

TMZ.com reports that a friend of Mariah Yeater has shared text messages with Justin Bieber's attorney that suggest he is not the father of her baby. According to "John," the recipient, Yeater texted, "would you please stress to Robbie how important it is for him to be in his son's life?" on Aug. 16. "Pleeease ERASE ALL MESSAGES from my mom where she says Tristyn is Robbies Son Ill kick u when we get paid," she texted on Nov. 16. (EXPRESS)



Victims

Way to Defeat This Page's Purpose

Olivia Wilde, who recently ended her eight-year marriage, told the New York Post that we should all lay off Kim Kardashian. Divorce is "the hardest thing in the world. People judge you because divorce is seen as failure. She took a risk. No one should be attacking her. Our attention should be focused on things that are truly scandalous." (EXPRESS)



"If for any reason we split up, this photo's gonna haunt me," Demi thought.

DISAPPOINTING

We Had Such High Hopes

Demi Moore announced Thursday that she and Ashton Kutcher are ending their six-year marriage. "As a woman, a mother and a wife, there are certain values and vows that I hold sacred, and it is in this spirit that I have chosen to move forward with my life," she said in a statement. "I would ask for the same compassion and privacy that you would give to anyone going through a similar situation." (AP)

SHAMELESS Stern Practices Acceptance Speech

Howard Stern said Wednesday that rumors he'll take Piers Morgan's place as an "America's Got Talent" judge are still just rumors, UsMagazine.com reported. But, "I would be an excellent judge. After all, I've had a 35-year career. I've made stars out people like Ronnie the Limo Driver and Eric the Midget. "I would ... mentor and show people the way." (EXPRESS)

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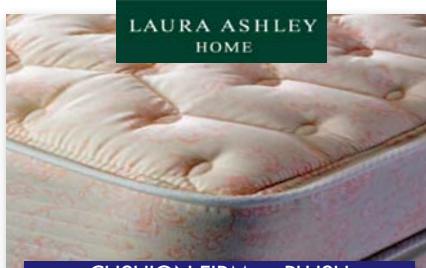
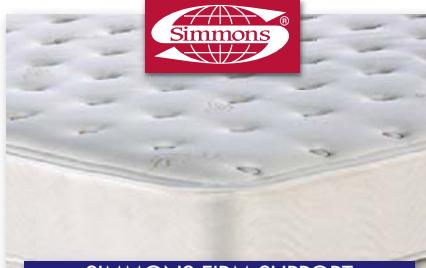
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MANASSAS 9501 Powder Village Sq. (Nr Target) 703-361-1713
VALLEYSIDE 7944 Crescent Park Dr. (The Marketplace at Madison Crescent) 703-754-4405
WINCHESTER 1980 South Pleasant Valley Road (Next to Martin's) 540-722-2969
WINCHESTER 235 Market Center (Below Lowe's & Target) 540-542-0435
BALTIMORE (Fullerton) 7911 Belair Road (Next to Geico) 410-882-0983
BALTIMORE 5860 Baltimore Nat'l Pike (Highway 40, Next to Lowe's) 410-744-3405
ANNAPOLIS 2645A Housley Rd. (Gateway Village Shop, Center) 410-224-3048
ANNAPOLIS 65 Jennifer Road (Opposite Westfield Mall) 410-897-4964
FORESTVILLE 2350 Donnell Dr. (Near Shoppers) 301-568-0575
EDGEMEATER 60 West Central Ave. (Edgewater Center) 410-228-2785
FREDERICK 5010 Buckystown Rd. (Westview Plaza) 301-696-1548
FREDERICK 1170 West Patrick St. (Nr. Frederick Towne Mall) 301-696-1548

EASTON 28598 Marlboro Ave (In Target Shopping Center) 410-770-4910
FENWICK ISLAND 901-B Coastal Hwy (Nr Marconi's Brick Oven Pizza) 302-539-6032
REHOBOTH BEACH 2 Lighthouse Plaza (Next to Ruby Tuesday) 302-226-3052
SEAFORD 22876 Sussex Highway (In Front of Lowe's) 302-829-9137
SALISBURY 2618 North Salisbury Blvd. (Next to Lowe's) 410-334-3045
DELMAR 38661 Sussex Hwy. (Delmar Commons, nr Happy Harry's) 302-846-3718
OCEAN CITY 12641-98 Ocean Gateway (White Marlin Mall) 410-213-0515
MILLSBORO 26670 Centerview Dr. (Near BJ's & Lowe's) 302-934-6025
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BETHESDA 6950 Wisconsin Ave.
(Next to Verizon Wireless)
301-656-2941